FLASH: CREATURES FROM OUTER SPACE OVERWHELM ISRAELI CULTURAL LIFE

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By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT, Israel —

Creatures from outer space have landed in Israel and threaten to take over the country.

Indeed, they are already gaining control of the bookstores, where new volumes of science fiction are snapped up as soon as they appear on the shelves.

And Israel's single TV station, which until recently ignored space-age fantasies, is now devoting a significant proportion of its limited screen time to such overseas series as **Star Trek**. Moreover, and perhaps more significant, Israeli viewers this week saw their first locally produced science fiction program, one based on the premise that a spaceship with three travelers from a distant planet—who conveniently spoke Hebrew—was seeking permission to land at Ben-Gurion Airport, on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

Truth to be told, they were a long time in coming; it is after all more than 40 years since Orson Welles created panic in the U.S. when his radio version of H.G. Wells' **War of the Worlds** had Americans believing that creatures from outer space were landing in their backyards.

But now science fiction is here with a vengeance.

Particularly popular with its fans are translations of classics by Isaac Asimov and Arthur Clarke, though other overseas authors are also being introduced and gaining an audience.

And perhaps in time local writers will also be producing such works, but so far there has been only one book written and published in Hebrew, Joseph Ofer's **Purple Glow**, and it wasn't very successful.

This dearth of original material has forced the editors of Fantasy 2000, Israel's new science fiction magazine, to rely primarily on translations, though they hasten to note that the stories they publish are well within the framework of Jewish tradition. And to prove their point, their second issue carries an article on Golems in Jewish literature and folklore.

Golems, automatons in human form that are supposedly created by invoking the magic power of sacred names, are mentioned for the first time in the Fifth Century C.E. Talmud, as well as in Jewish works of later periods.

By far the most famous of these tales concern the Golem of Prague, which, as the story goes, was made by a Middle Ages Czech rabbi known as the Maharal. His Golem eventually ran amok, much in the same way as Mary Shelly's Frankenstein, whose exploits were first recounted only several centuries later.

And if one is ready to believe the fanciful Erich von Daniken, whose **Chariots of the Gods?** and other books have sold well here, some 2,500 years ago the Prophet Ezekiel was describing creatures from outer space and the vehicles that brought them to Earth when he spoke so vividly of what happened when the heavens opened up and things began emerging "out of the midst of the fire."

It is just too bad that Ezekiel can't be signed up to write for Fantasy 2000.

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Budget stresses restrain

TORONTO —

A "hold-the-line" bu of $6,091,178 for nationa local Jewish welfare ser and the Jewish school sy was approved last we the executive of To Jewish Congress. The b which is 3.2% higher last year's, covers the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979. Allocations actually total $6,184,178 but this is reduced by anticipated income of $93,000.

TJC treasurer Murray Segal, who served also as chairman of the budget and finance committee, points out in the preamble to the budget report that allocations are based on the amount raised in the annual United Jewish Appeal campaign. The budgetting process which started last April "extends a little longer each year as we try to stretch our UJA dollars a little farther," he said.

Segal noted that the 1979 UJA campaign is already well under way. This campaign will determine the funding of the 1979-1980 budget, he said, "and it is to this campaign effort that we should now devote our full energies so that when we begin the budgetary cycle again in the spring, we will have the necessary funds to realize our aspirations for a better Jewish life for all in Israel, in Canada and throughout the world."

Segal said the current budget "contemplates continued restraint and recognizes mainly salary and other cost adjustments, with little or no expansion of services." He praised the "responsible budgeting" of the agencies and institutions and said the tuition policies of the schools helped hold the line in the amount of subsidies required for education.

Segal praised also the hard

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Among the highlights of 1978, according to the Religious News Service, were NBC TV's 'Holocaust' program [top left]; the news that Sinai settlement of Yamit will probably be dismantled [top centre]; the resignation of U.S. presidential aide Mark Segal [top right]; the PLO terror raid against Israeli buses [middle left]; Israel's armored thrust into southern Lebanon last March [middle centre], abortive demonstration by Chicago Nazis [middle right], the meeting at Camp David between Sadat and Begin, and the death of Golda Meir recently at age 80.

Group established to 'fight battle against Zionism'

This is the first of a two-part article on a disturbing development involving certain left wing unions in Quebec which have joined forces with Arab groups and others to promote anti-Zionism. Staff writer Janice Arnold probes the background and the personalities involved.

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The anti-Zionism expressed frequently during the past decade by certain left-leaning Quebec union leaders will now have a permanent forum in a new body, supported by some 30 member organizations – mainly Arab, communist, and immigrant groups as well as two of Quebec's largest unions, the Centrale de l'Enseignement du Quebec (CEQ) and the Confederation des Syndicats Nationaux (CSN).

The Mouvement Quebecois pour Combattre le Racisme (in English, known as the Quebec Movement to Combat Racism), was officially born on Dec. 1 at a meeting of members and "observers" held at the Association Quebec–Palestine office, located in a CSN building in the east end of Montreal.

Basically, the Mouvement, unique in Canada, has set itself up as a sounding board for those in Quebec who feel they have been victims of discrimination in any form. Taking its cue from the United Nations, the Mouvement has incorporated into this, a goal of eliminating racism around the world, in particular Zionism and apartheid. Various activities have been proposed to make Quebecers aware of these two manifestations of "racism".

The Mouvement is "a coalition of organizations and individuals inspired by the common goal of fighting against all forms of racial discrimination and of eliminating manifestations of racism and their causes, both on the national and international level . . . while respecting the distinctive character and stands of the various groups and individuals who become members," reads the Mouvement's preamble to its statutes.

Yvon Charbonneau, past president of the CEQ, the French teachers' union, is president of the Mouvement. Charbonneau, it will be recalled, was invited to the conference on racism and Zionism, held in Tripoli, Libya, in 1976. Upon his return to Quebec, he publicly denounced Zionism and called for the "real truth" about Zionism to be taught in the schools of Quebec.

The Mouvement is a pet project of Charbonneau, Marxist politically, who has returned to his studies at the University of Laval since leaving the CEQ presidency. Despite his lack of an official capacity with the 82,000-member union, he remains a leading voice of the union movement, and a likely "successor" to the aging Michel Chartrand, who was the first to attach Quebec unions with anti-Zionism.

Chartrand, past president of the 160,000-member CSN, returned from a trip to the Middle East in 1972 denouncing Israeli aggression and demanding a Palestinian homeland. Later that year, the Association Quebec-Palestine, directed by Palestinian-born schoolteacher Rezeq Faraj, was created.

Last May, about 50 organizations, some of whom are now said to be members of the Mouvement, met at the LaSalle Hotel in Montreal to attend a two-day "international" conference, organized by the CEQ. Entitled 'Non au Racisme," the conference was called to coincide with the year against racism (1978), as declared by the U.N.

Racism in the Israeli-administered territories and the plight of the Palestinians were on the agenda along with such topics as women's rights, and discrimination against blacks and Amerindians. Guest speaker was Elisabeth Mathiot of France, author of the paper **La Collaboration Entre Israel et L'Afrique du Sud** and editor of the magazine Eurabia.

Among those who also addressed the conference were Abdullah Abdullah, of the Canadian Arab Federation in Ottawa; Leslie Harriman, an African delegate at the UN; and Paul Belanger, director of La Ligue des Droits de l'Homme. Faraj of Quebec-Palestine acted as moderator.

Most significant, perhaps, was the presence of two high-ranking members of EAFORD (organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination)—Palestinian Dr. Anis Al-Qasem, its secretary-general, and Abdullah Sherif Idin, its president and also president of the Libyan Bar Association. EAFORD was set up as a permanent organization, supported by the Libyan government, following the 1976 Tripoli conference, which Charbonneau attended.

At the May meeting, a resolution was passed to begin laying the groundwork for the creation of a permanent "anti-racist liaison organization" whose task would be to carry out a program against discrimination in any form in Quebec and abroad, particularly Zionism and apartheid. (Zionism and apartheid are mentioned together several times throughout the Mouvement's resolutions.)

What is disturbing about the creation of the Mouvement, besides the exploitation of the grievances of various immigrant and worker groups to add numerical strength to Charbonneau and the Arabs' political strategy, is the sources of the Mouvement's revenue.

In a proposed budget for the coming year issued to members of the Mouvement, revenue is listed as: material and technical aid from the CSN and Quebec-Palestine ($1,300); subventions from governmental organizations ($5.000); subventions from international organizations ($15,000); and membership fees ($1,500)—a total of $22.800.

Yvon Charbonneau
(Montreal Star-Canada Wide)

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Mid East trade initiatives announced

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Larry Grossman, Ontario's minister of industry and tourism, recently announced two upcoming measures in the province's bid for increasing trade with the Middle East.

These are: a capital projects mission to Israel and Turkey in March, and Ontario participation in Technology '79, Tel Aviv's international trade fair to be held June 19-26.

He also told the more than 300 people attending the quarterly meeting of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry that his Middle East staff would be increased from two to three persons this month, in anticipation of the possibility of establishing trade offices in Israel and Arab countries.

"Yes, it's true that until now the ministry sent few trade missions to Israel," he conceded to the assembled representatives of industry, banking, and commerce. "And it's true that this ministry has not devoted enough resources towards developing trade with Israel." The reason for this, he said, was "a disappointing lack of interest among Canadian firms in doing business with Israel.

"They tell us the market is too small, that it's already highly sophisticated or that Israel is too self-sufficient."

Success of the announced measures, "our commitment to increasing trade relations with Israel, must depend upon business people like yourselves." Grossman urged "good aggressive Canadian companies" to make the best of the unfolding opportunities in the Middle East, especially Israel.

Grossman pointed out that Ontario's participation in Technology '79 would be the first time in the fair's eight-year history in which the province would be involved. "I believe it's a venture which could open some outstanding opportunities for Ontario exporters," he said.

Grossman said the fair provides opportunities for manufacturers of transportation equipment, electrical and electronic equipment, industrial machinery, and other technological products. "And this year, for the first time, the fair will be featuring three special product categories: workshop tools and accessories, safety and security devices, and products and services to promote better energy use and conservation."

Grossman said the last fair attracted almost 1,000 exhibitors from more than 20 countries and was attended by 60,000 visitors, well over half of whom were managers, purchasing executives, or owners of manufacturing firms. Visitors came from not only Israel but other Middle Eastern countries as well.

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Business leader Ray Wolfe introduces Larry Grossman.

Palestinians are wary

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

JERUSALEM —

Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip watch current peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt with mounting interest, fascination and dread.

At present, the talks are at an impasse over the key issue of "linkage" — the disputed timetable according to which Palestinians in the occupied areas will be granted self-rule.

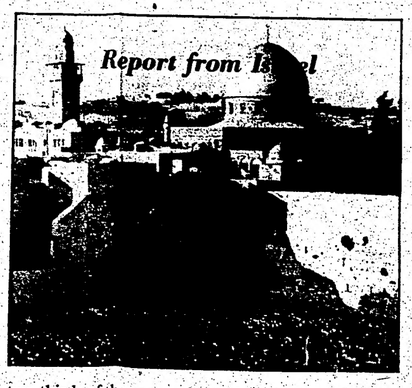
Palestinians in this urban enclave, formally annexed by Israel following the Six Day War, have one of the greatest stakes in the resolution of this knotty problem. It is generally accepted that the opinions expressed by the Palestinians in East Jerusalem reflect the consensus in the West Bank and, to an extent, the Gaza Strip.

Slightly in excess of one million Palestinian Arabs reside in these territories, and in the opinion of most observers, peace will elude the Middle East unless the key Palestinian issue is solved.

What do Palestinians think about the integral issues of the day? How do they view Menachem Begin's scheme for Palestinian self-autonomy and Anwar Sadat's diplomacy? Are they in favor of a secular state, a solution advanced by the PLO, and are they well disposed to the PLO? Do they accept Israel's existence?

East Jerusalem Arabs — Moslems and Christians — are unanimous in their rejection of Begin's 26-point autonomy plan, according to a random survey I conducted.

They support the creation of an independent Palestinian state in the occupied territories, though



two-thirds of the respondents thought that a secular, democratic state would be a good solution, too. At the same time, they would accept Israel without hesitation after the establishment of a Palestinian state.

In general, they speak highly of the PLO. But not all of them agree that the PLO is the Palestinians' sole representative organization.

They are divided over Egypt's policy, some saying that Sadat is selling out the Palestinians, others arguing that Cairo is guarding their interests.

Most of them did not want their names used for publication, fearing Israeli retribution. Only one man, Abu Asab, a jeweler on 34 David St., said he

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Consul deplores blaming Israel

MONTREAL —

"We are witnessing a concerted effort to put the blame on Israel for the difficulties that have arisen in the peace negotiations with Egypt," Zvi Caspi, Israel's consul general, told an audience here.

More than a month ago, Israel accepted the text of a treaty drawn up in the negotiations at Blair House in Washington, "in spite of its shortcomings and the reservations that the government of Israel had with regard to certain provisions in it," said Caspi.

According to Caspi, the U.S. persuaded Israel not to seek the reopening of the text for re-negotiation, on the assumption that this would create difficulties for the continuation of the negotiations.

Now, there are two things happening, says Caspi:

"President Sadat's readiness to sign the peace treaty is being described as a far-reaching concession on his part, while at the same time the U.S. and Egypt are proposing 'interpretative letters' which in effect nullify some of the most basic elements in the treaty and create an entirely different situation with regard to the Egyptian obligations toward Israel as embodied in the treaty.

Fund created

MONTREAL —

Creation of the Ralph V. Cummings Memorial Fund has been announced by Milly Lande, president of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Montreal.

Minnie Abbey, a sister of the late Ralph Cummings, will serve as the trustee of the fund.

The Ralph V. Cummings Memorial Fund's income will be used to support activities of the Kovod Fund, founded by Mrs. Abbey 27 years ago.

The Kovod Fund was created to undertake service work which the various member agencies of Allied Jewish Community Services were unable to execute.

Since it was created, the Kovod Fund has allocated $55,000 for everything from the purchase of a sewing machine for a mother of seven to help her maintain the family, to Bar Mitzva training for an immigrant child.

Its role has been unique, as has the administrative functioning.

Mrs. Abbey chaired the fund through its history—working, during that time, with two secretaries, Mitzi Lowy and Roz Brott.

Agencies which had no budget for unusual requests would turn to the Kovod Fund, submitting their written requests. Hearing aids, eyeglasses, crutches, and wheelchairs were familiar requests.

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עובדתון מכון קרן התרבות.

ברמת הגולן - נחנך מושב "קשת" סקס חנוכת המושב היה מרשים. בטקס לא היו שרי המפד"ל וחברי המושב אומרים כי שרי המפד"ל לא הוזמנו לטקס בכוונה מפני שלא התנגדו להסכמי קמפ-דוד. (המחיבות הורדת ישובים יהודיים מעל אדמת ארץ-ישראל).

"התחרות ידידותית" בין ישראל ומצרים. תוכניות עתוח בעשרות מדינות ביבשת אמריקה מופעלות נגד העזני באיזורי הכפר. אך מאמצי העתוח הבינלאומיים באיזורים אלה נתקלים בקשיים רביח. "בעיות אלה אינן יכולות להפתר רק בעזרת כסף רב" הגיב אחד המומחים מה שיפתור את הבעיות זו השפעתם המכרעת של מומחים כמו הישראלים העושים בשטח והמצרים שיבואו.

'אסקימוסיט" בירושלים. יצירות אומנות מהאוסף של הגב' מרגרט הס מקבדה מוצגות בבית העם בירושלים. כל יצירה היא סיפור מעניין בפני עצמו. במשך 30 שנה אספה הגב' מרגרט הס חומר, היא נדדה מישוב אסקימוסי אחד לשני ודובבה את הושביו. החיפושים אחר שורשים באומנות הביא אותה אל האיגלו. הזכרונות מנדודים אלה מסביב לה נחת רוח. וכאשר היא נזכרת בסיור לאיזור מרוחק וקפוא, בו חיים אנשים ומתנהגים בעשטות. היא אומרת "שם בצפון הרחוק מצאתי את המקור את שורש החיים". בימים אלה נעצמו גב' מרגרט הס בישראל ומחשפת את שורשי העם היהודי בארצו.

מיבנים מלפני 6000 שנה בנויים מאבן, בעלי כניסה צרה, צורתם עגולה ועתחיהם פונים מערבה. למרות השנים הרבות שם השתמרו היטב. הם נקראים נואמים שפירושו בערבית: יתושים. הבדואים מספרים שאלה הם בתים שבני ישראל בנו אותם במדבר בעת שיום אחד נתקפו על-ידי נחילי יתושים. בצר להם פנו אל משה, שאמר להם לבנות להם מבנים עד היעלמות היתושים. החוקרים טוענים שמבנים אלה קדמו לעברים הקדמונים והם שמשו בתי-קבורה בתקופה הכלכוליתית ואולי קודם לכן בתקופה הניאוליתית. ומי שרואה את בניתם אינו יכול שלא להתפעל מהמראה והמשמעות.

ב-1962 נערכה "גולני" לשחרר את ירושלים. ב-1962 היתה חטיבת "גולני" ערוכה לפעולה לשיחרור העיר העתיקה בירושלים. אולם ברגע האחרון נמנע המבצע - גילה הרמטכל רב אלוף מרדכי גור. באותה שנה נוצרה אפשרות, שלפיה היתה חטיבת "גולני" נכונה לשחרר את ירושלים העתיקה עקב מהומות שפרצו בה תחת שלטון ירדן. החטיבה היתה ערוכה לפעולה זו, ובדוד מיוחד של חיילים אף נועד להיכנס אל רחבת הכותל המערבי, אולם ברגע האחרון בוטל המבצע.

נס באשקלון אשקלון מדברת על"נס" גדול שיש שם. זהו הנס שקרה לג'נט שושן, צעירה בת 26, שעבדה בעיריית אשקלון, ז'נט היתה עיורת במשך שנים אחדות. היא עברה טיפולים בלי סוף אצל רופאים שונים. המשפחה משפחת עולים ממרוקו, הוציאה כסף רב על תרופות יקרות מצרפת - אך שום דבר לא עזר. המשפחה פנתה לרב באשארי מראשון-לציון וביקשה את עזרתו. הרב התחיל בטיפול מיוחד, ומרח מין רעל עקרבים על עיניה. באחד הלילות קמה ז'נט מהמיטה וראתה את עצמה בראי, וכמעט שהתעלפה... הרופא שטיפל בה אמר: "קשה להאמין אני רוצה לבדוק את העניין".

כתב עברי עתיק - בקצרין דחפור שעבר ליד העיר החדשה קצרין שבגת הגולן, גילה ממצאים ארכיאולוגיים, ביניהם שני ארונות-קבורה עתיקים מבזלת. על אחד מארונות הקבורה היו חרוטים שם הנפטר וגילו בעת מותו. באותיות עבריות "שמעון בר אבון בן שנין כ"ו". על אותו ארון חרוטה גם מנורה. הממצאים הארכיאולוגיים האלה מראים כי במקום היה ישוב יהודי עתיק.

בעברית קלה "בית התפוצות" הנמצא בקמפוס של אוניברסיטת תל-אביב הוא בן 3 קומות. הבית הוא למעשה מחנה של יהודי התפוצות למדינת-ישראל. "בית התפוצות" העומד על גבעה במרכז הקמפוס, איננו מוזיאון במובן המקובל, כל הדברים שבו הם עשויים בידי אמנים בני ימינו. בבית התפוצות ישנם 7 שערים: שער המשפחה, שער הקהילה, שער האמונה, שער היצירה, שער הקיוב, שער השיבה ושער שבעת הימים.

Camp David non-event judging by UN actions

Even as the peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt continue, political warfare against the Jewish state at the United Nations and in some of its agencies, continues, as William Korey writes.

PARIS —

To judge from acts at the UN General Assembly in New York, and at the UNESCO general conference in Paris, Camp David was a non-event. Unlike Banquo's ghost, even its spirit of peace and reconciliation did not hover above the debates in the forums of the two international organizations.

The object of the Soviet-Arab manipulated automatic majorities was: "get Israel." The determination to make the Jewish State a pariah in the international community had been announced by an Arab spokesman at UNESCO in 1974: "Israel is a state the belongs nowhere because it comes from nowhere."

In keeping with this injunction, the UNESCO general conference once again condemned Israel for allegedly depriving Palestinian Arabs of their cultural and educational rights on the West Bank and Gaza. While the Canadian representatives termed the resolution "harsh," the Israeli spokesman observed that it "has nothing to do with culture or education," but rather with "the Arab political war."

More serious was a UNESCO action renewing economic sanctions against Israel on alleged grounds that the Jewish state was conducting "illegal" archeological digs in Jerusalem, and damaging the city's Arab character. Israel is today the only country in the world which is subject to UNESCO sanctions.

The UNESCO director-general, Amadov M'Bow, could scarcely be said to have vigorously resisted the anti-Camp David thrusts. Just as his secretariat had repressed earlier objective reports by experts on the archeological digs in Jerusalem, so, too, did it fail to make available a favorable UNESCO mission report on educational conditions in the administered territories.

"Political warfare" also raged against Israel at the UN even as negotiations were continuing between Jerusalem and Cairo, and outstanding differences appeared to be narrowing. An Iraqi resolution calling for an arms embargo on Israel was pushed through in clear violation of the Assembly's mandate. Sanctions are a function of the Security Council, not of the General Assembly.

Only Israel was singled out for condemnation because of trade relations with South Africa. The "double standard" was never more flagrant in its operation. Nothing was said about Black Africa's trade with South Africa, which is far greater than Israel's. As for arms traffic, major Western powers, for years, have exercised and pre-eminence.

Meanwhile, the Saudis deliver about a quarter of Pretoria's oil supply and the Kuwait royal house, through London-Rhodesia Company, sees to it that South Africa is well supplied with investments.

While the assault of anti-Israel resolutions continued, the most threatening development was "International Day of Solidarity wth the Palestinian People" — November 29. It was a project of the notoriously biased and PLO-manipulated 23-member Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

Designed to reverse the UN historic decision of November 29, 1947, legitimizing a Jewish State, the Solidarity Day was to be celebrated with a film glorifying Yasir Arafat and the PLO, with the release of tendentious "studies" of the Palestine problem, with an exhibit in the visitor's lounge of photographs and posters chosen by the PLO, and with an 11-day ceremony at the UN.

B'nai B'rith made available an outline of the film to the press. The consequent newspaper disclosures so embarrassed the UN that it desperately strove to make the documentary somewhat more palatable. The final script inevitably outraged the unrelenting leadership of the PLO.

The biased UN Committee, bowing to PLO demands, withdrew its own documentary — an extraordinary retreat, never before done at the UN. Instead, it asked ABC-TV to show the latter's transparently-distorted production "Terrorism in the Holy Land."

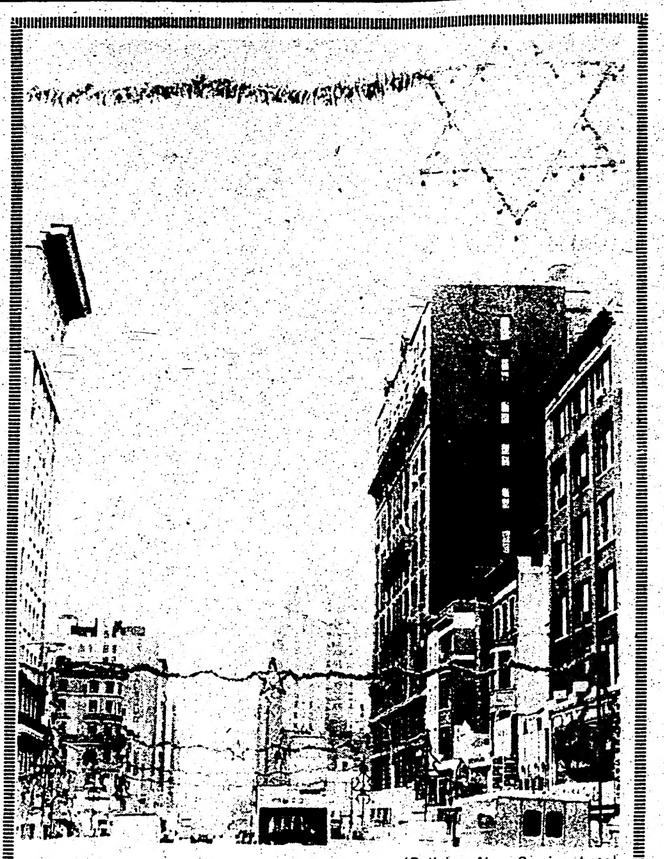
B'nai B'rith president Jack J. Spitzer hastened to point up the "irony" of the UN request and, in a letter to ABC-TV executives, urged non-compliance. The television officials must have agreed: the UN request was rejected.

The rebuff of PLO aspirations also found expression in the boycott of the UN ceremonies by the U.S. and almost the entire Western world. U.S. Ambassador James Leonard, in a meeting with B'nai B'rith District No. 1 leaders that morning, declared the commemorative events and, indeed, all the activities of the Palestine Committee, to be a "misuse" of UN funds.

Still, the "Day" was not a total loss for the PLO. Its exhibit in the visitors lounge, an apologia for violence, continued several more days. Only a few of the more blatant photos were excluded, at the insistence of an embarrassed Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

More disturbing was the publication of a U.N. history of the Palestine problem. Studded with errors and half-truths, the new brochure, along with several additional companion studies, is certain to be distributed to libraries and even school systems in various parts of the world.

UN defenders have frequently argued that it is but a mirror of the world. If so, the mirror is the distorting type, the kind one finds at carnivals. For the UN, instead of reflecting the spirit of Camp David, continues to magnify, in grotesque fashion, unrestrained anti-Israel warfare.



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DOUBLE CELEBRATION

Star of David joined street decorations in New York City as Jews and Christians celebrated Chanuka and Christmas, both of which fell on same day.

U.S. judge challenged by B'nai B'rith group

NEW ORLEANS —

Were World War II concentration camp guards coerced into serving the Nazis?

The fifth circuit court of appeals in New Orleans was urged last week to reverse a lower court ruling that a former concentration camp guard who lied about his past may keep his American citizenship on the ground that he was forced to serve the Nazis.

The American Jewish Congress, in a friend-of-the-court brief joined by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, took issue with a decision by Federal District Judge Norman C. Roettger dismissing a denaturalization proceeding against Feodor Federenko, now a resident of Miami Beach.

Raul Hilberg of the University of Vermont served as special advisor in preparing the brief. Hilberg, an internationally recognized authority on the Holocaust, is the author of **The Destruction of the European Jews.**

The brief was prepared by Phil Baum, associate executive director of the Congress. Eight other national agencies and 102 local Jewish community relations councils associated with National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council said they shared the concerns expressed in the brief.

Federenko admittedly concealed his past as a guard in the Nazi death camp of Treblinka when he entered the United States in 1949 and again when he applied for citizenship in 1970, asserting that he was forced into serving the Nazis.

The brief challenges Judge Roettger's ruling that Federenko was a "prisoner" as well as a camp guard. "There is nothing in the record to support this declaration," the brief says, adding:

"Concentration camp guards at Treblinka were selected from among volunteers released from their status as prisoners of war. Not only was the defendant unlikely to have been voluntarily coerced into such a duty, but because of his ethnic background he was eligible for early release and return to his home.

"It is true that Federenko became a prisoner of war and, while in German captivity during the winter of 1941-42, doubtless suffered severe hardships along with several million other Soviet prisoners for whom the German army failed to provide the bare necessities of life. The defendant, nevertheless, was in a preferred and privileged position because of his Ukrainian background.

"As such it is not only inconceivable that he should have been coerced into accepting assignment as a concentration camp guard but, on the contrary, because of his ethnic background he qualified for release and return to his homeland should he have so desired.

"Clearly, Federenko's presence in that camp for close to a year made him a knowing participant, at close range, in one of the greatest orgies of barbarism in all history."

At a denaturalization proceeding last June, Federenko admitted having portrayed himself as a Polish farmer who had been forced to work as a laborer for the Nazis. But he denied testimony by six Israeli survivors of Treblinka that they had seen Federenko torture and shoot prisoners there.

In July, Judge Roettger ruled that Federenko could keep his citizenship. The immigration service, he held, had failed to prove him guilty of having committed any atrocities. Judge Roettger also said that the defendand had lived an examplary life since entering the United States.

Following this ruling, a delegation of members of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council led by Baum met with Solicitor-General Wade Hampton McCree, Jr. and requested that the Department of Justice appeal Judge Roettger's decision.

The friend-of-the-court brief supports the government's appeal.

Not an ordinary Bar Mitzva

MOSCOW —

On the Shabbat of Jan. 6, a Bar Mitzva will take place. David Shwarzman is 13 years old, a good student and an avid stamp collector. Like other Bar Mitzva boys, David will be nervous and Anatoly and Eugenia Shwarzman, like other parents, will be proud.

But this is not a Bar Mitzva like others, for the Shwarzman family will celebrate David's coming of age in Moscow, where they have been awaiting permission to emigrate to Israel since 1975.

David has not attended Hebrew school to study for his Bar Mitzva, because the maintenance of a school to teach religious precepts to children would be illegal in the Soviet Union. Even the teaching of the Hebrew language is forbidden.

His preparation for this important day has taken place at home where his parents have tried to teach their son the religious values so important in their lives — not an easy task in a society where atheism and anti-Semitic versions of history are taught in the public schools.

Praise given

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Israeli government officials, foreign diplomats and local dignitaries gathered with 3,000 Magen David Adom (MDA) volunteers at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv where MDA, Israel's national Red Cross Society, held a special celebration of Israel's 30th anniversary. The evening was highlighted by an artistic performance contributed by top Israeli artists in show of their support of the services provided by Magen David Adom to the entire population.

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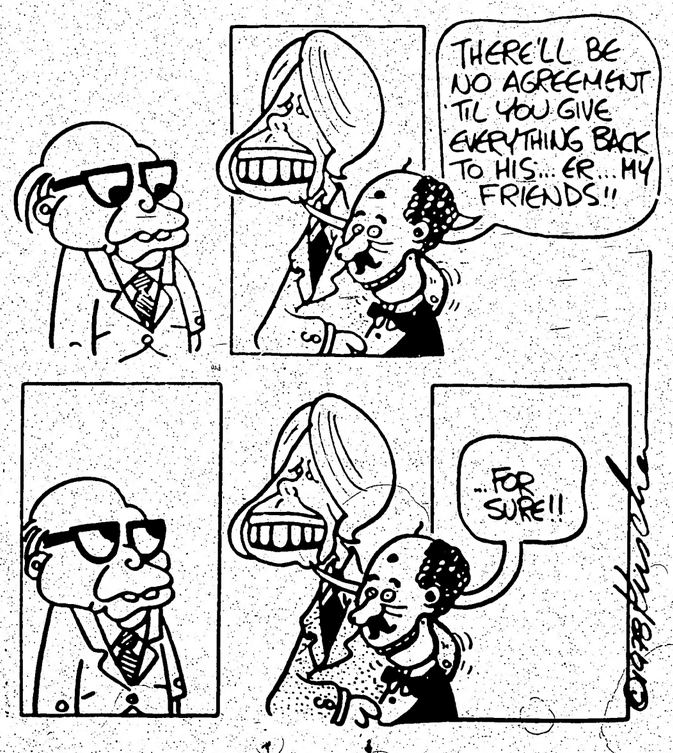

Thought he'd last six months...

Philip Rosensweig— Kitchener rabbi for 25 years

By HARVEY WARREN

KITCHENER — When Philip Rosensweig accepted the job of rabbi of Kitchener his colleagues warned he wouldn't last six months.

Kitchener was plagued with the problems which afflicted many small communities in the early 1950s. In small-town Ontario the apathy was spirit-crushing and each Rosh Hashana was greeted with a new rabbi if the congregation bothered to retain a rabbi at all.

But something happened here which transformed Kitchener into a model Jewish community and detained Rosensweig for 25 years.

More than 225 members of the community gathered in the Rosen auditorium at Beth Jacob Synagogue last Sunday to pay tribute to their rabbi of the last quarter century and to celebrate the special chemistry which has enabled Kitchener and its spiritual leader to co-exist so well for so long.

Ben Kayfetz, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, central region, noted Kitchener's spirit of "Yiddishkeit" and said "larger communities can take a measure from Kitchener." Attributing Kitchener's strength in part to "something in the climate," Kayfetz stressed the importance of the permanence of the community. "The community couldn't have survived without the rabbi they've had," he added.

The Jewish mayor of the city, Morley Rosenberg, congratulated the rabbi on his longevity in Kitchener and presented him with a model of a conestoga wagon, a civic symbol.

Sisterhood president Julie Papernick praised Rosensweig as an "understanding partner in a marriage with sisterhood" while her brother-in-law, Bernard Papernick, chairman of the local Israel Bonds campaign, thanked him for his efforts on behalf of that organization.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, said Rosensweig had fashioned a special Jewish entity in Kitchener and suggested he had succeeded in a rabbi's most rewarding achievement—"to really touch the lives of those with whom he comes in contact." Rosensweig is well acquainted with Jewish education in Toronto having been a founding member of Artzori Hatorah day school, which split to form Eitz Chaim day school.

Gedalia Felder, rabbi of Shomrai Shabbos Synagogue and noted Halachic scholar, said Rosensweig has had a great influence on other parts of the country as well as Kitchener. Felder is no stranger to small communities, having served as rabbi in Sarnia, Belleville, and Brantford. Felder and Rosensweig have the same ordination.

Bernard Rosensweig, the rabbi's brother and president of the Rabbinical Council of America, urged the community to recognize the scholarship of its rabbi and emphasized his brother's leadership. The Kitchener rabbi is an alumnus of Yeshiva University and Yeshiva Torath Chaim. He has studied psychology, history and political science at the universities of Ontario and Guelph. A former Torontonian, Rosensweig attended Clinton Street Public School and Harbord Collegiate.

Gary Walters and Larry Wolynetz, now both at the University of Toronto, provided a rare moment of levity among all the oratory with absurd tales from Talmud Torah while Lowell Strauss shyly represented the current crop of students at the community's Jewish school. There was an audible audience identification with the related experiences of Talmud Torah as more than one third of the celebrants were less than 30. Rosensweig is principal of the Talmud Torah as well as its primary teacher.

Sid Bergstein, president of the synagogue in 1972, called Rosensweig "our ambassador to the non-Jewish community." Indeed, he is a familiar figure in the secular community. He is on the board of the Waterloo County Cancer Society and the K-W Birthright group, an anti-abortion organization. Rosensweig is a regular speaker at local service clubs, a visiting lecturer at University of Waterloo and Wilfred Laurier University, a padre with the Canadian Legion and chaplain to several provincial institutions. He also lectures in local high-school religion classes.

Donald Bierstock, current president of Beth Jacob, struck the chord which explains the close relationship that exists between the rabbi and his congregants. "Through our joys and sorrows, he's there," Bierstock said. Most members could recall the rabbi conducting daily services at a shiva house, promptly visiting any hospitalized member, delivering eulogies with intimate knowledge of the deceased and officiating at all of their joyous occasions.

The most moving moment of the evening was a speech delivered by Rosensweig's daughter Naomi, one of five children, who shared some personal thoughts about her father as a parent.

Rosensweig, who married his wife, Gittel, when he was 24, called the offer to come to Kitchener a wedding gift, adding that he has never regretted the move.

"I had a dream," he told the audience, "... and my dream is being answered." He said Kitchener is a model community with a sense of "Yiddishkeit" at every level and every age. "Kitchener will become even greater, better, and more prominent in years ahead," he predicted.

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Jews are represented at a recently held human rights meeting

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

OTTAWA — It was certainly a clear sign of the consistent concern among Jews with social issues to find as many as 14 Jewish delegates among the 162 people who were registered at the recent human rights conference in Ottawa on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Only two of the 14 Jews in attendance actually represented Jewish organizations, however. They were Sharon Gray of Ottawa (wife of M.P. Herb Gray), who represented National Council of Jewish Women, and Sandra Wolfe of Toronto, representing the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith. The B'nai B'rith group had a second representative in the person of Rev. Roland de Corneille, its director.

Quite a number of ethnic and religious organizations were represented at the conference, including the Federation of Pakistani-Canadians, the Asian-Canadian Association, the Japanese-Canadian Citizens Association, Mennonite Central Committee, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, Canadian Arab Federation, Federation of Korean Associations, the Anglican Church, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Canadian Jewish Congress however, which has played such a large role in Canadian human rights endeavors in past years, was not officially represented.

Probably the best known of the Jews at the conference was Alan Borovoy, general counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, who was one of the featured speakers. He is one of the leading defenders of civil liberties in the country. While discussing the latest trends in employment discrimination, and other issues of overriding concern to all human rights advocates, Borovoy managed to indicate his own particular background in a matter-of-fact manner.

Other Jewish participants in the conference represented a very wide range of interests, from Andrew Cohen of Ottawa, of the Canadian Council on Children and Youth; and Marjorie Cohen of Toronto, of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women; to David Garmaise of Ottawa, representing the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition; and Sheila Finestone of Montreal, president of La Federation des Femmes du Quebec.

Mrs. Finestone was co-chairperson of a workshop at the conference. A number of important proposals were developed in that group, including one asking the Canadian Human Rights Commission to present all the conference recommendations as a special report to the minister of justice. Under the Federal Human Rights Act, such a report has to be presented to Parliament within 15 days of its next sitting.

Correction

In combining the Montreal and Toronto tributes to Golda Meir for the Dec. 21 issue, the eulogy of Mordecai Shalev, Israel's ambassador here, was inadvertently omitted. Our apologies for this omission.

London, Ont. doctor winner of Munk Geriatric Award

LONDON, Ont.— A local physician has won the $10,000 Nicholas M. and Hedy J. Munk Geriatric Award for 1978. Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Toronto, is serving in an administrative capacity for the Munk Geriatric Award.

Winner Melvyn J. Ball is an associate professor of pathology (neuro-pathology) at the University of Western Ontario, where he has resided since 1973. Dr. Ball, 37, has devoted considerable research into the problem of chronic organic brain syndrome, or brain failure, in geriatric medicine. He is presently the only Canadian pathologist with a major interest in Alzheimer's disease (a form of organic brain syndrome) and is internationally recognized as an authority on the subject.

Brain failure in the elderly is one of the major problems in geriatric medicine. The prevalence of Alzheimer's disease is high—at least equal to that of atherosclerotic, or vascular dementia.

Dr. Ball has been invited by the chairman of pathology, Hadassah Medical School of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, to continue his research there as a visiting professor. He will assume this position in Israel in June, 1979, when his sabbatical study leave from the University of Western Ontario begins. He will deliver a report on his work at the Baycrest Hospital Clinic Day on Wednesday, May 23, 1979, when he will receive the Munk Geriatric Award. The award is presented every other year—the next one will be in 1980.

Dr. Ball is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto (1963). He interned at New Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, and completed his residency training at Princess Margaret Hospital, Wellesley Hospital, Toronto General Hospital and the Univesity of Toronto Banting Institute and Department of Pathology.

Any physician under the age of 40 who has demonstrated special merit in geriatric medicine and wishes to pursue a career in geriatrics, or whose achievements and work in geriatrics indicates promise of future success in the field, is eligible for the award.

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The selection committee consists of: W.A. Backley, deputy minister of health, Ontario; D.H. Cowan, head department of medicine, Sunnybrook Hospital; C.E. Gryfe, medical director, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care; C.H. Hollenberg, professor and chairman, University of Toronto, department of medicine, and S. Ruth, executive vice president, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

HEBREW LESSON

In line with Prime Minister Menachem Begin's urging that Jews in the Diaspora learn Hebrew, the Keren Hatarbut Institute of The Canadian Zionist Federation has prepared a number of lessons in basic Hebrew. They were compiled by Joseph Klinger, executive director.

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6. Miriam: What are you doing?
7. Ron: I am reading (a) book. What are you doing?
8. Miriam: I am reading The Canadian Jewish News.
9. Ron: Shalom.
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'Shock of peace'

Alongside all the hopes for peace there are also concerns. Many of the implicit fears which many Israelis have about the impact of what Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin has described as the "shock of peace," are contained in a document drawn up by the research unit of the Ministry of Labor.

The background paper presented for perusal of a top level inter-departmental body considering how Israel should adjust to the economic and social challenges brought about by the new condition of peace, adopts a rather gloomy overall perspective.

The following cautionary points are made: There might be a large influx of Arab capital which could lessen government fiscal control in certain areas. The survey thus recommends that various controls be established to channel any new foreign investment into desired directions.

The opening of the borders with neighboring countries could mean a massive inflow of cheap untrained labor which could "undermine the national social independence of Israeli society." Israel could change "from a creative to an exploitive society devoid of all conception of the fundamental Zionist principle of self-labor."

Communal polarization between Western and Oriental Jews might take place as a result of a process of "Orientalization" of the society, sharpening existing differences and resentments between Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities.

There might be a greater incidence of intermarriage between Jews and Arabs, especially Jews from the lower economic income groups with an Oriental background and among intellectuals.

Co-operation between underworld elements on both sides of the previous borders is a risk, and preventative action is required from the outset.

There might be a steady increase of Arab nationalist feelings among Israel's 500,000-strong Arab minority.

Gesture for protection

The spectacle of 2,000 Chassidic Jews storming a police precinct in Borough Park, Brooklyn, is not one that we can easily comprehend or assimilate. The provocation must have been very great.

Following the murder of a follower of the Bober Chassidim, groups of Jews began a demonstration in front of a police building in order to demand more police protection. What is all the more surprising in this scenario is the fact that the confrontation took place on Shabbat.

When police reinforcements arrived to assist besieged police officers inside the precinct headquarters, a wild melee ensued in which protesters engaged in hand-to-hand combat. According to newspaper reports, much of the police station was demolished and more than $10,000 worth of damage inflicted on the building.

This unfortunate event should not, however, be considered in isolation. This is not the first time that Chassidic Jews have found it necessary to assert their rights by demonstrating at police stations. In 1973, after Chassidic youths were assaulted by local hoodlums, hundreds of the faithful staged a march to the same precinct.

We commiserate with the Jewish residents of Borough Park. For years this area of Brooklyn has been the home of some of the most vital practitioners of Judaism. Synagogues, yeshivot and other Jewish institutions have flourished there. Many of the Chassidim living in Borough Park came after the Second World War as survivors of Nazism. Like the rest of the largely Orthodox Jewish population they are law-abiding citizens.

In recent years the Borough Park neighborhood has seen a slight population shift. Thirty percent of the area is composed of Italian and Hispanic Americans. Within the last 10 years sporadic violence has erupted between the longtime Jewish inhabitants and the newer arrivals. Several cases of synagogue bombings have occurred. The Chernobil synagogue on 49th St. was heavily damaged in one such attack.

Chassidic groups have made frequent requests for increased police protection. During the protest at the precinct last month, the cry "We want more police," was chanted by demonstrators.

In modern life it is sometimes necessary to make a dramatic gesture merely to get a hearing. It is to be hoped that the police authorities in Borough Park have got the message.

Goudsmit and the spin

The ordinary laymen never heard of Samuel Goudsmit, but to many of his fellow physicists his name was associated with scientific genius and innovation.

Goudsmit, who died recently at 76, was co-discoverer of the spin in the electron. This may sound esoteric and perhaps it is, yet, without the discovery he and George Uhlenbeck came upon in 1925, the atom bomb may not have been able to be produced.

"Physics must forever be in debt to those two men for discovering the spin," Isidor Rabi, a Nobel Prize winner in physics, said years later. "Why they never received the Nobel Prize will always be a mystery to me."

In his career, Goudsmit displayed the awesome knowledge and curiosity of a great physicist.

Born in The Hague, Netherlands, he achieved fame when he was just a graduate student at the University of Leyden. It was there that he and his collaborator showed that electrons in the hydrogen atom spin. Goudsmit came to the U.S. in 1927 and joined the University of Michigan as an instructor. During the Second World War, he took time off from his university career to become director of Alsos, the secret wartime effort to learn if the Germans were making an atomic bomb. From 1952 until 1960 he headed the physics department at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He retired in 1970, two years after his official retirement.

One of the most poignant experiences in his life was visiting his childhood home after the Germans retreated from Holland. He found the home of his parents devastated. His parents had been taken away to a concentration camp, where they died in the gas chamber. "I was gripped by that shattering emotion all of us have felt who have lost family and relatives at the hands of the murderous Nazis," he said. Goudsmit had arranged for his parents to emigrate to the U.S. just before the German invasion, but the Nazis struck Holland before they could leave.

Goudsmit was not a prolific author, yet his books—**The Structure of Line Spectra** and **Atomic Energy States**—were well received. These publications, together with his co-discovery, will keep his name alive in the annals of physics.

What justice?

Peter Menten, the millionaire Dutch art collector, has been released by Amsterdam officials. Menten had been sentenced last year to 15 years in prison after a trial in which he was found guilty of assisting in the massacre of Polish Jews near Lemberg during the Second World War.

During his sensational trial, witnesses from Israel, the United States, and Poland testified to Menten's complicity in the rounding up and execution of Jews in the Lemberg region and provided eye-witness evidence that Menten had personally murdered defenseless Jews.

Much of Menten's reputed art collection was acquired through stealth and as a reward for his co-operation with Nazi officials whom he served in his capacity as an SS officer. (Not only Germans served in the killer units.)

The startling news of Menten's release was accompanied by an even more startling revelation as to the reason for this ex-Nazi's "liberation." In 1952 when he was put on trial by the Dutch government for collaborating with the Germans, Menten was freed by the Dutch minister of Justice in exchange for a promise that he, Menten, would never reveal what he knew about collaborationist activities by Dutch politicians durir the Second World War. Menten was giv understand that he would never be prosecuted as long as he remained silent.

This scenario is not all that improbable. The myth that Holland saved its Jewish population from the Nazis is a part of Jewish folklore and has been exposed for what it really is—a lie—not only by the poignant testimony of Anne Frank's diary but by the meticulous research of Jacob Presser in his book **The Destruction of Dutch Jewry**. The fate of Jews in wartime Holland is not a particularly edifying chapter in Dutch history.

What is especially distasteful in the Menten affair is that Dutch jurists in 1978 have seen fit to honor a morally contemptible promise made to mask an even more contemptible period in Holland's recent past.

What the Dutch judiciary does not understand is that it compounds Holland's guilt in the Final Solution when it frees a man under such dubious circumstances. In this regard the action of the Dutch court represents an insult to Jews living—and dead.

Jerusalem's school for principals hones administration and education skills

By SHMUEL HIMELSTEIN

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Take a school principal out of his school for a whole year and still pay him his complete salary? And for what— just so he can spend a year in a luxury hotel at the taxpayers' expense? It sounds odd but the fact is that such a program is in existence in beleaguered Israel, and it's worth it all along the line. I know, because I'm spending a year in such a program.

Well, let's face it. This isn't just another ordinary "sabbatical," but a well-designed program meant to enhance the administrative and educational ability of those taking part. It does indeed take place at a luxury hotel, the Diplomat in Jerusalem, but is contained in a section which was rented under a long-term lease from the hotel.

Why a hotel? Simply because of the nature of the program. Those who attend this course are a cross-section of principals from throughout the country, and they are in class from Sunday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to noon and thereafter from 4 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., or on occasion to 9:30 p.m. Such a strenuous program means that all the participants (except for the three lucky ones of the 27 who live in Jerusalem) must have full board and lodging for this time period. In essence all those who live outside Jerusalem see their families only on weekends. Even we three from Jerusalem very often find ourselves leaving our homes at 7:30 a.m. and returning home at 10 p.m. or thereafter—quite a day!

This course, which has been offered for the past few years, is run by a unique institution, the In-Service School for Select Education Personnel, a school with no degrees, very few full-time staff members (but a great number of outside lecturers) and almost no textbooks. It seeks to blend the theoretical aspects of the administrator's role with practical observation and application in the field.

While we are periodically assigned books to be read, most of our reading matter is handed out to us by the school's personal library which has a collection of close to 1,500 articles and chapter selections on major topics. These items have been culled from many sources—articles written specifically for the collection by experts, reprints of articles from Israeli professional and general periodicals, chapters or sections of chapters from books, and translations of foreign-language sources into Hebrew.

By concentrating on these articles, the faculty has managed constantly to have available to us some of the most recent and best source material in any of the fields which we study, rather than being "trapped" into assigning a whole book which may not meet any of our needs in its entirety.

Now why spend this tremendous amount of money on a course for principals who are already in the field? The answer lies in a fact long known to educators—it is the principal who can either make or break the school. If the principal can be trained to bring forth the best, a school has been changed for the better. Thus by allocating scarce resources to this project the government is ensuring the better functioning of twenty-seven schools next year.

So far, in the first six months of the course we have had at least 60 lecturers, all in their own specialties. These have ranged from the Sephardic chief rabbi, Rabbi Ovadyah Yosef, talking on the religious aspects and problems of education, to the director-general of the Ministry of Education dealing with the government's overall plan to "integrate" the various students of different backgrounds. The Ministry of Education's legal advisor discussed with us legal questions that come up in a school, such as adequate supervision of students, discipline, and working conditions.

Sabbaticals, in which a teacher refreshes his mind and body, are now accepted in Israel.

The pace is strenuous, and the hours long. Yet the applicants for this year's course were about four times as many as the capacity of the course. This, in spite of the fact that for most people the year has meant being away from their families for most of the time, and in many cases reduced earnings.

We deal with items that we are itching to apply to our own schools. We see in this course learning that can be applied in practice, and not only in theory.

Shmuel Himelstein is principal of a Jerusalem high school and is currently taking the special course described in the article.

Breakthrough agreement signed in 1975

Israel's growing links with the EEC

By NAOMI RAGEN

Even before the ink had dried on the Treaty of Rome establishing the European Economic Community in 1957, Israel recognized the potential importance of the Common Market to its own economy. In fact, as early as 1958, when the Community was still so new that Europeans themselves were unsure of the Treaty's economic ramifications, Israel had already submitted its first memorandum to the EEC Commission in Brussels. More than some Europeans perhaps, Israelis believed in the future development of the EEC and sought co-operation with it.

Israel's first agreement with the European Economic Community, signed in 1964, granted it customs reductions averaging 20 percent on some 20 export items of minor importance, as well as a 40 percent reduction on grapefruit. Israel's main interest, however, was to attain a preferential trade agreement for all its exports, a goal which had to overcome a good many political hurdles before reaching partial fruition in Luxembourg in 1970. This second agreement was an important step forward, giving most Israeli industrial products exported to the Community a progressive yearly reduction in customs tariffs reaching 50 percent in 1974.

The real breakthrough, however, came in 1975, with the signing of a third agreement establishing a free trade area for the industrial products of both sides. Under this agreement, Israeli industrial export to the Community were completely exempted from customs duties by July 1, 1977. And the benefit is by no means to be one-sided. For certain European goods already enjoy a degree of customs reductions in Israel, and the agreement provides for their complete removal by 1988, at the latest. Interestingly enough, Israel is the only southern Mediterranean country to give such reverse preferential treatment to the EEC for, while some of Israel's neighbors have free access to the European market, they do not accord reciprocal treatment to their imports from it.

An examination of the statistics shows the Community is both Israel's favorite shopping centre, supplying 42% of its total imports, and its principal customer, buying 37% of Israeli exports (in 1975). Considering Israel's size, with a population of little more than three million, its international trade is surprisingly extensive. In 1975, for example, Israel imported $1,746 million from the EEC. Its exports to the EEC during the same year, on the other hand, were only $723 million, thus covering the cost of only 41% of its imports from the Community. While this was an improvement over 1974, when the cost of only 34% of Israel's imports was covered by its exports to the EEC, this balance of trade deficit remains one of Israel's major problems.

Israel has been seeking new investments, developing new products and improving marketing techniques, in an effort to increase its exports to the EEC. This search for better ways of reaching the European consumer has led to the establishment of CAL, an air cargo company with one of the freshest, most innovative ideas in international shipping ever tried in Israel. Each day, only hours after leaving the fields, orchards, and hothouses of Israel, close to 100 tons of tomatoes and peppers, guavas and mangos, avocadoes, strawberries, and even freshly cut flowers, are loaded into each of CAL's two chartered Jumbo cargo jets and whisked off to Europe.

While the concept of air cargo is certainly not new, its high cost has always made the shipping of fresh agricultural produce from Israel to Europe by air highly impractical, except for the most sought-after delicacies.

Elscit Ltd. of Haifa does a roaring export trade in medical equipment. Canada is a customer.

An El Al jet is loaded up with Israeli products that will bring in hard currency.

Therefore, though they have always been in high demand in Europe, many of Israel's winter-ripening fruits and vegetables could not be exported there because of the prohibitive cost of air freight, and the deterioration in quality resulting from a long sea voyage.

The founders of CAL analyzed the problem and reached the conclusion that the cost of air freight could be lowered drastically by using larger planes with lower operating costs per unit, and by ensuring capacity loads in both directions, to spread these costs as thinly as possible. Jumbo jets were found to be most suitable.

However, the bulk of Israel's imports are either raw materials or industrial goods, generally too large and heavy to be profitably transported by air and durable enough to withstand shipment by sea. The only answer, then, was to fly these traditional sea cargoes to Israel, at a loss if need be, rather than to fly back empty and expect the mangos to pay the cost of a two-way ticket.

While the fragrant aroma of roses and muskmelons still lingers in them, the jumbos are loaded each day with automobiles and industrial equipment at Cologne, Germany, the company's main European terminal, to enable another shipment of Israeli sunshine to depart in the wee hours of the following morning.

But the key to balancing Israel's trade with the EEC lies in increasing its industrial products. Not being blessed with an abundance of national resources, Israel's relative advantage in manufacturing lies in the high quality of its manpower and its highly advanced research and development activity. This reality is best illustrated by the metals and electronics industries where exports have doubled since 1974, from $215 million to $435 million. The forecast for 1977 is $590 million, a hefty 35 percent increase.

There is much optimism regarding the success of many sophisticated new products of Israeli manufacture and design in such areas as irrigation equipment, medical electronics, electro optics, aeronautics, and telecommunications. Israeli planners expect industrial exports to the EEC to reach $1 billion by 1980.

A recent agreement between Israel and the EEC presents a double-edged challenge to Israeli manufacturers. In the near future, as tariff barriers for the entry of Israeli goods into the EEC are eliminated, a vast new market of some 300 million people will become more accessible than ever before. The potential of this huge market, almost incomprehensible to industrialists who have been accustomed to producing for the limited demands of the Israeli market alone, is immense. And with imagination, modernization, and consolidation of small or medium-sized plants into larger concerns, improved management techniques and more aggressive marketing, Israeli industry can increase its exports to a degree which can go a long way towards narrowing the present gap in Israel's balance of trade with the community.

The other edge of the challenge is embodied in the second stage of the agreement—the elimination of protective tariffs for goods entering Israel from the EEC. Here again, manufacturers who have looked upon the Israeli market as a captive one, will have to make the necessary improvements if they are to be able to compete with cheaper imported goods. All of Israeli industry in effect will have to adjust to the new facts of life, and structure itself in such a way that it will specialize in those areas of production in which it enjoys a definite advantage, dropping those in which it cannot compete.

Most important perhaps, the Israel-EEC agreement also provides for a wide base of industrial, technological, and scientific co-operation, both on a bi- and multi-lateral basis. This aspect of the pact may hold the most promise for the future, opening up all kinds of new possibilities for Israel, including the manufacture of new products based on European inspired design, marketing Israeli goods through established commercial channels in Europe, as well as the joint development of new commodities.

Oranges mean exports for Israel.

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Letter to the Editor

Reader dismayed over lodges

I wish to express my dismay at the way the B'nai B'rith lodges in Montreal organize their activities. In my understanding, the B'nai B'rith is a Jewish organization whose purpose is defending Jewish rights all over the world. The B'nai B'rith stands by the same for human rights. All this is very fine and deserves to be praised.

What about respecting Jewish tradition? Many of their activities are organized Friday nights. Some take place in church halls and others in Chinese-food restaurants. Why do they eliminate the observant Jews? Why is this discrimination taking place?

An organization that declares itself fighting for Jewish existence and Jewish continuity is undermining Jewish traditions and values internally. How can an observant man or woman participate in their activities if it includes non-kosher meals? The answer, "you don't have to eat it if you do not want," is for the birds. One cannot sit around a table and just watch his friends eating.

Is there a shortage in halls belonging to Jewish organizations? Is there a shortage in kosher food that one has to feed Jews with non-kosher food?

Herman Hubscher,
Montreal

WE REMEMBER YOU IN FONDNESS, GOLDA

By RABBI GUNTHER PLAUT
President, Canadian Jewish Congress

This week marks the end of Golda's shloshim, the 30 days of intense mourning. In commemoration, The CJN presents what Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said of her at a community memorial rally last month.

Golda wanted no eulogy. I want to have one last conversation with Golda, a conversation on all of our behalf.

Golda, we listened to you often, and always with respect, but we did not always do precisely what you wanted. After all, we were cut from the same cloth—or better, hewn from the same rock; stiff-necked and stubborn, yet loving at the same time. So, Golda, a member of the am kesheh oref will talk to you of the love your people had and have for you.

For we loved you—that is the simple truth. We loved you, as children love their mother or grandmother. In times of elation and in times of agony you were to us em habanim semachah, a mother rejoicing over her children, even as at times you were like Rachel, weeping over her children. We returned your sentiments, from our hearts, in joy as in sorrow.

That love, we can now tell you, was no Golda-mania in the ordinary style. We were in love not with your face and form, we were in love with your spirit, your strength, your courage. We did not know that during all the years, when you were the prime minister of Israel, you were aware of your fatal disease. You met the challenge of death as you met life: head-on, without flinching. And because of this, but not this alone, another measure of respect and admiration is added to our treasure house of love.

Your life spanned the most crucial years of our people. They encompassed Russian pogroms and the Nazi Holocaust, years of growth in the free Diaspora and of halutziut in Israel; of more war, and finally the hope, if not yet the sweet fulfilment of peace.

Even your death spanned the polarities of Jewish existence. You died even as Israel's new prime minister went to Oslo to receive the Nobel Prize.

You now join David Ben-Gurion in the yeshiva ma'alah, your mentor and friend. He too died at a crucial moment, in the dark days of the Yom Kippur agony, when defeat turned into victory on the battle front; and victory turned in the souls of Israel. You were prime minister; the hue and the cry of a nation pierced your heart. You could even cry, you said.

Company of idealists

You were a Zionist, Golda, part of that company of idealists who helped to liberate the Jewish spirit and build an edifice of self-respect in the homeland of our people. Zionism for these was the badge of ultimate honor—and whatever the world would say, so it is to us, here in Canada and wherever Jewish hearts beat to the rhythms of history.

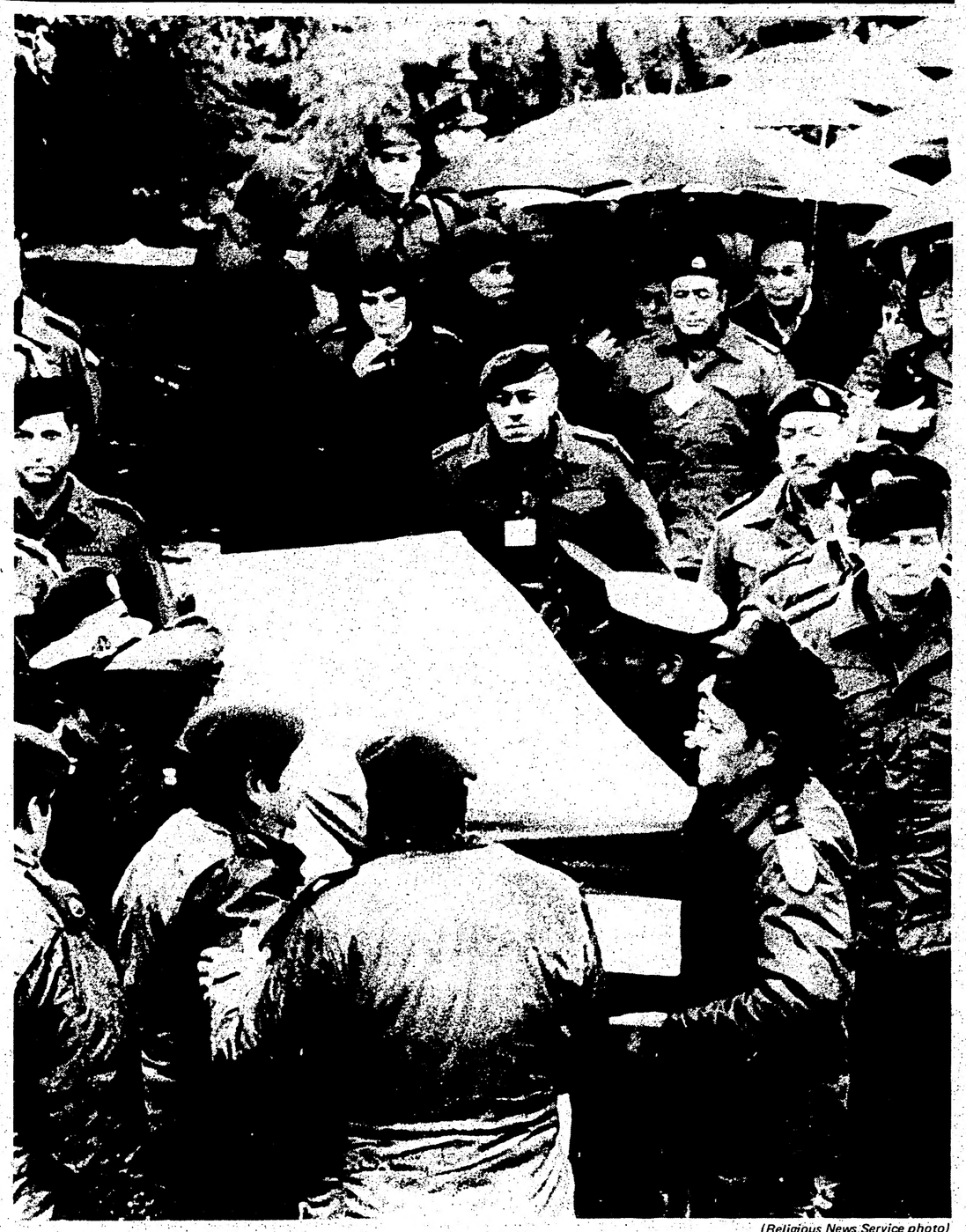
You were close to us, closer than Ben-Gurion ever was; you understood us for you had lived in America and had tasted the fruits of its free society. Though you sought tastier fruit in the land of our fathers, you did not despair of Jews in the Diaspora and their future; you believed in them, too. In war and peace you asked their support, which they gave to you liberally and with their love.

You wanted the world to befriend Israel, but not at any price. "If we can get survival only along with a bad image," you once said, "we will accept the bad image, as long as it means survival." For this, some called you hawk and some called you dove. We here repeat your words on this fateful day and say "Amen!"

You said: "I am grateful that I live in a country whose people have learned how to go on living in a sea of hatred, without hating those who want to destroy them, and without abandoning their own vision of peace." To this too we say "Amen!" It is our vision as well.

Golda, the eyes you caused to light up by your presence, the hands you pressed, the cheeks you kissed in friendship—they are your witnesses among this assembly—yet a greater and more lasting witness is Israel itself, and the sense of achdut that reigns among our people throughout the world.

So we say: Blessed be the Lord that gave us your presence, your will, your devotion. You would not want us to cry for the sake of shedding tears. Therefore we simply bid you shalom.



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Golda Meir, the fourth prime minister of Israel, is laid to rest on Mt. Herzl cemetery, where Israel's famous politicians are buried.

Increased aliya, fertility needed for Israel's Jews

By ERNEST KRAUSZ

The growth of the Jewish population in Israel does not match the phenominal growth of the Arabs, warns Prof. Ernest Krausz, dean of the faculty of social sciences at Bar Ilan University.

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Israel has celebrated a demographic event of some importance: Its Jewish population has passed the three million mark. This is no mean achievement, especially when one considers the ravages of the Holocaust in Europe, which decimated the Jewish people by more than a third, and the fact that at the time of the state's creation in 1948, there were only some 650,000 Jews there.

Complacency would, however, be grossly misplaced, since the Jewish population expansion, which should push the number of Jews up to four million over the next two decades, does not match the phenomenal population growth among the Arabs, both within the green line—the pre-1967 border—and in the occupied territories.

The fertility rates, especially of the Moslem Arabs, are among the highest in the world. The fertility rate—that is, live births per month—among Jews dropped from 3.59 in 1954 to 3.18 in 1974.

Among Christians in Israel it also dropped, from 4.98 in 1955 to 3.29 in 1974. But among Moslems (who make up most of the Arab population) it has, in fact, increased from the very high fertility rate of 8.15 in 1955 to the even higher rate of 8.34 in 1974.

There are now more than 500,000 Arabs within the green line and some one million in the occupied territories. These populations are expanding fast and, to highlight the contrasting trends yet another way, one need only mention that nearly 60% of Arab families number six or more persons, while among Jews such large-sized families make up only 14% of the total.

Furthermore, since Israel took over the territories in 1967, the high mortality rates which prevailed there have since declined through improved sanitation, housing, and medical care; and for a while, the emigration of Arabs to other countries also dropped.

The net result is likely to be that the Arab population within the green line will double by 1993 and reach one million, while the total number of Arabs within the extended borders of today will reach three million.

Where will these trends lead to and how will they affect the position of the Jewish majority in future years? Will the fears recently expressed by a leading Israeli that demography could destroy in Israel come true?

Much depends on any changes that might take place in migration and fertility trends among Jews. Population projections for Israel are extremely difficult to make since the uncertainties and unknown factors are weightier than in the case of other population groups, especially if we consider the possibility of substantial fluctuations in immigration and emigration.

Israeli government statisticians have estimated that, if we assume a low rate of immigration of 25,000 per year, the Jewish population of Israel will increase progressively to over four million by 1993. On the basis of this low estimate, the Jewish proportion of the total population within the green line will drop from 88.7% in 1961 to 79.4% by 1993.

In some areas, such as the Galilee, the interior ministry's representative in the northern district has already predicted a complete reversal, that is, an Arab majority of 51% by as early as 1978. And generally the Jewish proportion with the present extended borders would, of course, be much lower than within the green line.

Given a low fertility rate among Jews in Israel, encouraged by a materialistic outlook and by the possible liberalization of abortion laws, and with a low rate of immigration from the ranks of the 11 million Diaspora Jews adversely affected by very low birth rates resulting in ZPG (zero population growth), the demographic prospects of the Jewish nation are by no means bright.

Yet Israel's demographic problem is light compared with the population explosion experienced by Egypt. The latter's 35 million population is set on a course of rapid growth—approximately 15% per quinquennium—which is proving an intolerable burden on a country with poor resources and which is relatively undeveloped.

Israel could be in a more favorable position should the somewhat ominous sign of emigration abate and if immigration were to increase in future years. Projections based on 50,000 immigrants a year, a not-impossible target, should inch Israel's way towards a population of five million Jews before the end of the century.

The demographic trends described above have several implications for Israel's future in terms of its social fabric and its security, and they pose serious dilemmas. The Arabs have a very long way to go before they reach a point on the demographic cycle which could bring them to the lower fertility rate that characterizes the much more developed Jewish population.

It could be argued that there is a need to produce the social conditions required to move the Arabs along the demographic cycle at a more rapid pace, from which the Arabs themselves could greatly benefit. At the same time, in order to maintain the faforable Jewish ratio, even greater stress will have to be put on the need to attract and absorb new Jewish immigrants.

Government reluctance to release land helps aggravate shortage of housing

By YORAM KESSEL

There is an immediate shortage of some 4,000 flats for new immigrants and this is causing a bottle neck situation in absorption centres in Israel, especially in the popularly located centres in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv and its satellite towns, writes Yoram Kessel, Jewish Chronicle correspondent in Jerusalem.

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Flats are available but only in outlying districts in which few newcomers want to settle permanently and where there are in any event usually few appropriate job opportunities.

In the areas where immigrants want to live, and where work is available, there are virtually no vacant flats for olim, a senior Jewish Agency official, Yerimayahu Eshed, stated.

Concern is being expressed about what will happen should there be a still further upswing in immigration from the Soviet Union and Iran. There are at present close to 8,000 immigrants resident in the 55 absorption centres around the country. Nearly half have been there more than the normally allocated six months after arriving in the country, during which they study Hebrew and look for work. Since many families have been in the centres for 18 months and even two years, Eshed disclosed that the average stay for a family in an absorption centre now is about 12 months.

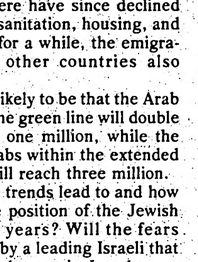
This state of affairs means that the Jewish Agency is obliged to hire hotels and guest houses to accommodate newcomers, and turn them into absorption centres.

Extensive stay in an absorption centre often leads to a "depressed morale" for the new immigrant, nurturing a lack of confidence as to their capacity to integrate successfully into Israeli society, Eshed says. It is generally agreed that the idea of absorption centres is a good way of introducing the newcomer to the Israeli milieu, cushioning him against the impact of an immediate confrontation with the new society. But it is felt that so long a stay makes later "confrontation with reality" all that more difficult.

The shortage of housing for immigrants is not something unique. Large families who are due to receive new apartments, and young couples, face an equally dire situation. There is a steadily mounting shortage of available flats in the main centres, and prices of flats on the open market are soaring to astronomic levels.

Part of the problem has been the refusal of the Lands Authority which controls all government-held land, to release appropriate tracts around the big cities for new building projects. The situation is likely to become even more problematic if a peace treaty is signed, since much of the already scarce manpower and materials will have to be relocated to military construction work in the Negev, after the pull-back from Sinai.

Israel must be strong and get along with neighbors



By J. B. SALSBERG

The deadline for the signing of an Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement has come and gone without fulfilling the great hopes for the inauguration of friendly relations between the two countries.

What caused the setback? In my view the official reasons, true though they may be, only reflect the much more serious, fundamental barriers to Middle East peace. We should not lose sight of them.

Officially, the signing of the peace treaty, based on the Camp David agreement, was torpedoed by Sadat's new demands. The Egyptian president seems to have had second thoughts about some of the points that he and his representatives had agreed to in the earlier negotiations.

Cairo wanted a new formulation of the text that dealt with the West Bank situation. This is referred to as the "linkage" demand. It means the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt should be linked to definitive deadlines for the solution of the West Bank issues—autonomy, self-government, etc., etc.

The second barrier was Sadat's refusal to allow the terms of the agreement dealing with the permanency of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, to remain as previously agreed upon.

For Israel this second issue was perhaps more serious than the new problem regarding the West Bank. Cairo placed the whole treaty in jeopardy by refusing to give it priority over the existing agreements between Egypt and the other Arab states that obliges her to come to the aid of any Arab state that may be at war with Israel.

In short, Sadat's insistence on those two points would mean the Egyptian-Israeli agreement would be nullified if and when one or another West Bank Arab faction were to make an agreement impossible in the pre-determined time frame, or if one or another Arab state were to foment a war situation between itself and Israel. The value of a peace treaty under such conditions would, indeed, be of questionable value.

The latest news, as this is written, suggests a meeting of representatives of Israel and Egypt is to take place shortly to resume negotiations. The purpose will be to find a formula to be expressed in an exchange of letters between the two countries.

We will, of course, all wish for the success of the renewed negotiations. The signing of a peace treaty between Israel and the largest Arab state (regardless of one's view of the treaty's content), would constitute a colossal breakthrough in Israel's struggle for acceptance by the Arabs as a legitimate and permanent factor in the Middle East scene.

But I believe that we should, when examining the causes of the disruption that took place at the last minute, seek the more basic, the fundamental reasons that caused Sadat to make new demands after an agreement had already been reached.

As I see them, the major underlying causes are as follows:

First, Israel is surrounded by Arab countries. Arabs are, and will continue to be, its neighbors. While justifiably utilizing every available external support in its battle for security all such efforts must be directed by Israel towards the essential objective: peace, cooperation, and friendship with its Arab neighbors.

Second, the entire area is of tremendous importance to the big powers and, indeed, the entire world. Oil, vital passageways, and strategic military bases are central and often overriding in the policy-making of the big powers and many other countries. But this vital geographic and economic area is ruled by extremely insecure regimes that represent the narrow interests of decaying feudal classes.

What has all this to do with us? Regretably it has an awful lot to do. There is no doubt that the current eruptions in Iran and their social and political repercussions in Saudi Arabia and other Arab states and emirates had an effect on Sadat's position and on Washington's sympathy with him.

But you, my dear readers, will, of course, say to me: That may all be true, but what can we do about such developments that are beyond our control or influence? And my answer will, naturally, be that you are quite right. Unfortunately, we cannot do much about those monumental problems. But in all honesty I feel obliged to add that we must never lose sight of this limitation that history and geography have restricted us to.

So? So first, Israel must remain strong—strong in spirit and in military power. It must leave no doubt of its will and its ability to survive and to remain permanently in its historic birthplace.

Second, we must never forget that big empires come and they also go. Our political relationships with such empires are important to us only insofar as they will advance our fundamental strategy—peace and friendship with our permanent neighbors, the Arab states that have borders with Israel.

Oil shale deposits in Negev present energy possibilities

JERUSALEM —

It is both possible and practical for Israel to produce energy from its oil shale deposits in the Negev. This was the main conclusion reached by an international symposium on oil shale chemistry and technology held recently at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, under the auspices of the university's Energy Research Centre and the Israeli ministry of energy and infrastructure.

Chairman of the organizing committee was Zeev Aizenshtat of the university's Energy Research Centre.

Israeli research presented at the symposium was praised by Arnold Pelofsky, American expert on alternate fuel sources, who helped prepare an oil shale study presented at the symposium by the Energy Ministry. "The ideas and proposals of the Israeli scientists were more sweeping and imaginative than anything I have seen or heard in the United States in the past six years," Pelofsky stated.

Participating in the symposium were 120 scientists and researchers from the United States, Germany and Israel, representatives of the energy authorities in these countries, and technical directors of large American oil or energy companies.

Oil shale, as bituminous rock is commonly called, is a fossil fuel. It is a sediment rich in organic matter deposited at the bottom of lakes or the sea in an oxygen-deprived environment. The burial process brought the organic matter to incomplete maturation, a process which would eventually, at a later stage, have produced petroleum or coal if the depth or temperatures had been greater.

The three main Israeli concentrations of bituminous rock being investigated by the research centre are in the Horon Basin in the Hartuv area, Nebi Mussa near Maale Adumim, and the Zefa-Ef'e Basin in the Dimona-Arad area. The last named site is the largest, believed to hold at least 600 million tons of untapped bituminous rock.

If exploitation of energy from this source succeeds, Israel's reserves could provide enough output to meet her needs for 12 to 15 years. The Ef'e deposit, potentially, could supply 10 percent of Israel's fuel needs for the next 50 years.

Energy can be obtained from bituminous rock in various ways; by direct combustion, by using the solid suspension method of combustion at medium temperatures, by gasification of liquefaction of the rock, or by preparing it as a source material for the petrochemical industry.

Ever since the Energy Research Center was founded in 1974, its scientists have been working on fossil fuels. The first step has been to identify the different basins geochemically and classify the type of kerogen—the insoluble material—which forms the main energy component of the rock.

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

MIND BENDERS

For those who resolved in the New Year to sharpen their intellect, there are already several offerings of interest:

—Matti Golan, director of the Israel Information Centre, tackles the topic **The Battle for Public Opinion** at a program presented by Young Herut of Canada. The lecture is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 7 at 8 p.m., Herut Moadon, 2949 Bathurst St. For information call 782-9355.

That afternoon at 2:30 the Association for the Living Jewish Spirit delves into **The Future of Judaism** at one in its series of discussion sessions. The group meets at Beth Habonim, 12 Hollaman Rd.

The Beth Tikvah Sisterhood is organizing a lecture-workshop featuring family counsellor Dr. Harvey Silver, Tuesday, the 9th, at 8. Psychologist Silver will be speaking on the topic **How to Build a 'We' Instead of a 'You' and 'Me'.**

On the 9th as well, the Toronto Jewish Congress Tanach Study Group is examining chapters 65 and 66 of Isaiah, as well as presenting an overview of the entire book of the prophet. Joseph Kinghofer will lead the discussion which gets underway at 8:15 at Associated Hebrew Schools Bathurst branch.

With Israel's political future still in the headlines, York University visiting professor Amnon Cohen handles the subject **A Perspective on Peace and the Palestinians** for the contemporary affairs institute of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. The event takes place Thursday, the 11th, at 8:30. The synagogue is located at 55 Yeomans Rd.

Wendy Litwack

UIA MISSION

Jewish Routes is the name of an intriguing tour of Eastern Europe and Israel being sponsored by the national women's division of the United Israel Appeal. "Come with us to 'remembrance' in Poland, 'rebirth' with Soviet Jews in Vienna and accompany them to 'renewal' in Israel," reads a note dropped our way from the women. The tour leaves from Montreal Feb. 25 and returns there March 12, after taking in five days in Warsaw and Vienna and 10 in Israel. Leading the trip is Wendy Herman Litwack, a former Torontonian now living in Montreal. For further information on the tour contact Joan Lipson, director of the women's division, 788 Marlee Ave., Suite 310, Toronto M6B 3K1; or telephone 789-7625.

BB WOMEN

Chavarim Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women—geared to single or married women in the 20-30 age bracket—is open for membership. Call Toba Frimet at 889-2684, or Hannah Silverstein at 487-7760.

FOR LINGUISTS

The Jewish Culture Council is holding a literary-musical evening to mark the 70th anniversary of the First World Conference on Yiddish. The program will be held this Sunday at 8:30 at the Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Featured participants are Joseph Kligman, Peretz Miranski, Simcha Simchovitch, singer Ruth Slater and pianist Fagel Gartner.

Keren Hatarbut Institute is introducing a new method of teaching Hebrew to those unable to attend classes. The Dial-a-Hebrew-Lesson program will allow students of basic Hebrew to receive brief lessons without even leaving their homes. Joseph Klinger, executive director of the institute, will present the taped lessons at 787-0197, from 9 to 12 noon, and 8-9:30 in the evening.

FOR CULTURE VULTURES

The work of Sue Ericsson—including a wide variety of figure drawings in media ranging from pencil to watercolor—is on view now at the Koffler Gallery in the north 'Y'. The exhibit, which closes on the 14th, is open to the public every day, from 9 to 9, with the exception of Friday afternoons and Saturdays.

Playwright Janice Rappaport's comedy-drama **Dream Girl** opens Jan. 9 at Theatre Passe Muraille, 16 Ryerson St. Depicting the lives of five women who share a home and child-rearing, the play runs on Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:30 and Sundays at 2:30. The box office number is 363-8988.

CHARITABLE CHANUKA

Members of the Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge, Number 1800, recently raised $100 for the Ezra Kadima schools. The lodge joined the Don Mills Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women in preparing a Chanuka party for 110 members of Orillia House and the Kadima School for the mentally handicapped.

ESS 'n FRESS

Irving James, a New York lawyer who went on aliya, has opened Israel's first Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet on the Ramat Hasharon-Herzlia Road. He hopes to expand the fowl food eateries all over the country.

The London Jewish Chronicle reports that a Camp David restaurant is to be opened in Tel Aviv, with the menu including such delicacies as Begin blintzes, Carter kishkas, and Sadat sauerkraut.

HANDICAP SURVEY

The Jewish Information Service has released a study examining access to Jewish community buildings for handicapped people. Prepared for the Social Planning Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, with the aid of two disabled men, Martin Krossel and Lewis Blancher, the survey revealed that : Hebrew day schools proved a significant barrier; many synagogue sanctuaries were inaccessible to wheel chairs, and some community agencies were only approachable by stairway. The survey, says JIS Director Joel Verbin, should be of interest "as a way of beginning to sensitize institutions and organizations regarding future building and possible minor renovation of present buildings."

Dr. Steven Levinson, 31, hands out free medical advice on CBC 'Newshour' show.

Doctor is popular on CBC's 'Newshour'

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

Over the years there have been dozens of television shows with medical themes. **Ben Casey, Marcus Welby, Dr. Kildare** and **MASH** have all given the viewer the inside information on what being a doctor is really about. Or have they?

Since last March, CBC television's **Newshour** has had a real doctor talking about real-life items with a medical nature. The doctor who is doing the talking is 31-year-old Steven Levinson, a man who probably has just as much a flair for show biz as he has for his growing downtown medical practice.

Dr. Levinson has touched on 125 different topics since the inception of his little drop-ins during the hour-long news show. He's covered sun tanning, tennis elbow, hemorrhoids, cancer, and "medical cures" such as chicken soup.

"I try to keep my topics light and get a point across. Obviously when I talk about something like cancer I can't be funny.

"When I first started doing the show I didn't have any particular style. Then I developed this light style. I think if people laugh they tend to listen more closely. Most people tell me they enjoy the jokes and the information."

One of the main things Dr. Levinson is trying to do with his items is to humanize medicine, "to show the viewers that doctors are just ordinary guys."

He said if any of the medical shows on television were ever selected to show what it's really like to be a doctor, he'd pick **MASH**, the zany doctor show that takes place during the Korean War. "**MASH** shows that in medicine there are some goofs, but those goofs are basically good doctors."

Dr. Levinson said his items were on the air for a long time before he started to receive any feedback from his colleagues. He continued by saying "they usually have good things to say about what I'm doing. But then," Dr. Levinson added, "if they didn't like it they probably wouldn't tell me."

He said one of the nice things about doing the show is that when he walks down the street about four or five persons stop him in a day to say they see him on television. "However, they don't always remember where they saw me. A lot of the people I meet are surprised to learn that I've got a private practice. They seem to think that I work for CBC on a full-time basis."

The items—most run two and one-half to three minutes in length—are prepared by Dr. Levinson at his home in the Beaches. He said he spends about three nights a week and at least one weekend out of two working on the shows he is doing. He does all of his own writing and editing and the vast majority of the topics are his own.

"Everything is researched at the medical library because with medical topics you've got to be accurate," says Dr. Levinson.

In a single session, Dr. Levinson will tape about half a dozen pieces which are aired whenever CBC sees fit. "I try to mix the topics between information, opinions, and whimsey."

Dr. Levinson first got the job on the program after the CBC people in charge of **Newshour** were told about him by David Shatzky, CBC Radio's morning man in Toronto.

The two men had attended Camp Wahonowin together during their youth and Schatzky was aware of Dr. Levinson's show-biz capabilities—he had studied jazz dancing and he served as a choreographer at the camp and at the University of Toronto medical schools annual musical review. (Dr. Levinson received a tryout and was obviously what the CBC was looking for.)

One thing Dr. Levinson isn't trying to do through his sessions is to increase the size of his practice. In fact, he told The Canadian Jewish News that if people left their family doctor simply because they saw him on television, he would advise them to go back to their own doctor, unless of course they really don't like their original doctor.

"I ask CBC not to give out my number to people. I prefer that if people want to contact me they can do it through the CBC.

"I try not to be a 'Dear Abby' type. I urge people to see their own doctors."

Most doctors usually encounter people who are looking for free medical advice, but Dr. Levinson says he hasn't noticed any increase since he started the show.

While there are some persons who tune in the news on CBC just to see what Dr. Levinson has to say, the doctor states he never gets to see the show because he's "usually working at the office."

Secularization said menace to existence of Israeli state

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Our people have arrived at a "desert," Rabbi Ady Assabi, director of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism declared at a symposium in Holy Blossom Temple sponsored by Kadima, the Canadian Council of Reform Zionists.

He described Moses' historic encounter on Mt. Sinai as the beginning of the Jewish experience, the source of "a river coming down, sometimes narrow, sometimes wide, but always moving in the direction of its ultimate aim, the Messianic Age."

However, the flow met an obstacle, "the desert of secularization."

How, Assabi asked, could the stream of Jewish tradition continue, yet not lose its direction?

"Israel must be a unique entity, unlike any other country.

"The Zionists created a national homeland, giving little thought to uniqueness. This would perpetuate us physically, but the water would vanish in the desert.

"Classical Reform Judaism detours around the desert, trying to find an easy way out. The danger is that it might meet other waters and streams, get lost, assimilate."

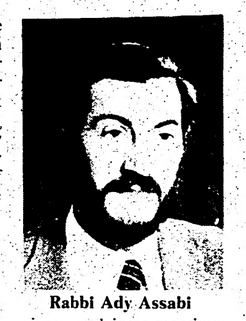
We must work our way down to the bottom, to our roots, "to keep the force of the past, and meet the tasks of the future."

He proposes a shiddach, or union, between the contemporary Reform Movement and Zionism, to find a middle way.

Together he feels, they can build an unprecedented society different to all others in the world, "a light to nations."

Rabbi Assabi was born in Tel Aviv and received his primary and secondary schooling in Israel. For two years, he served an Orthodox community in Germany. With his return to Israel, he took responsibility for the Reform community in Netanya.

Rabbi Michael Stroh, president of Kadima, warned that longed-for peace in the Middle East could destroy Israel as a Jewish state. "Voluminous trade, cultural missions, and inter-marriage would swamp the small country in an Arab sea."



Rabbi Ady Assabi

And he asserted Orthodoxy, which he says, represents only 10 to 15% of the population, would not be enough to keep the land Jewish.

He called upon Jews in the Diaspora to support a vital Reform Movement within Israel, "liberal, open, modern, to prevent an end to the state as we understand it."

Rabbi Harvey Fields of Holy Blossom, who spent a year in Israel, said he lives in two worlds, "the Diaspora which I serve, and Israel which I love."

Zionism and Reform Judaism he recalled, both grew out of the same fertile soil of Europe, each striving for Jewish survival.

He insisted that only an equal partnership between the two can implement that goal.

...about people

Ben Kayfetz

After six years in the post, **Ben Kayfetz** is relinquishing his job as executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region. Now he will devote himself full-time to his role as national and regional director of the Joint Community Relations Committee of the CJC and B'nai B'rith. He's been with the JCRC since his arrival at Congress in 1947. At the moment there are no plans to seek a replacement for Kayfetz at the Central Region and his administrative duties will be shared by **Yehuda Lipsitz** and **Irwin Gold**, executive vice-president of Toronto Jewish Congress.

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Canadian Jewish Congress President **Gunther Plaut** and Maclean's editor **Peter Newman** were among 64 Canadians on a holiday honors list issued by Governor-General Jules Leger. The two were named officers—the second of three levels—in the Order of Canada. New members named to the order included Montreal lawyer **Monroe Abbey**, and Vancouver businessman **Joseph Cohen**.

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While President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin received Nobel Peace Prizes last month, the three newscasters who helped pave the way for the Egyptian's visit to Jerusalem were also sweeping up awards. **Walter Cronkite** of CBS, **John Chancellor** of NBC, and **Barbara Walters** of ABC were recipients of the Hubert Humphrey Freedom Prize from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Among guests at the New York award luncheon were former secretary of state **Henry Kissinger**, Egyptian Ambassador **Ashrof Ghorbal** and his Israeli counterpart **Simcha Dinitz**.

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Rabbi **Yitzhok Oelbaum** of Ahavat Achim Synagogue in Downsview has just had his fourth book published. Titled **Sheilath Yitzhok**, the 350-page Hebrew work covers a variety of questions pertaining to Jewish law. The hardcover book was printed in New York and is available at the Negev Book Store.

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The new administrative director of the Skills Exchange—a non-profit, adult education program—is 28-year-old **Norman Ringel**. He will be responsible for reorganizing the one-year-old project which introduced 70 courses to 8,000 students in Toronto in its initial year.

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Willowdale's Pride of Israel Temple recently installed a new slate of officers. Taking up the chairman's post is **Sam Gilbert**, with **Norman Jacobs** and **Harold Segal** as vice-chairmen.

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Production is scheduled to begin this March on a 12-hour, television mini-series based on the entrepreneurial **Rothschild** family. The series, produced by Trans-Atlantic Enterprises, will bring the life of the banking dynasty to television viewers likely by next year.

New director appointed for BGU

MONTREAL —

Gordon L. Echenberg, national president of the Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, announced at a national executive meeting in Montreal the appointment of Bernard Gottlieb as executive director of the Toronto branch of the Associates.

Long active in the Jewish community in Toronto, Gottlieb has previously served as executive director of the Toronto Jewish Old Folks Home, Shaare Shomayim and Beth Shalom Synagogues. He also served as collection coordinator of the Toronto office of the State of Israel Bonds.

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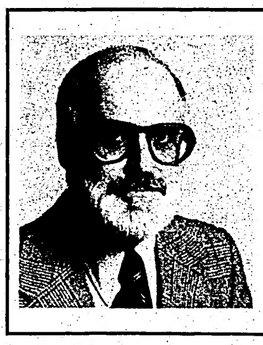
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ISRAEL NORMAL COUNTRY– 'WARTS AND ALL'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TEL AVIV —

Not many Canadian Jews settle in Israel and even fewer serve in its armed forces, but Torontonian Karen Epstein is a striking exception to this usually ironclad rule.

A pert 21-year old, Karen has lived in Israel for the past four years. When she was 18, she joined the air force and for two years worked at a base "somewhere in the south."

"I can't tell you where," she says, "and neither can I tell you what I did. It's a secret."

Karen was exposed to Israel many times before her aliya, so when she went there in 1973 the country was not exactly an unknown quantity. "My parents and I were here on visits, some lasting as long as a few months," she explains. "Israel seemed like out of **Exodus** at first, but soon I realized it was a normal country, warts and all."

Karen's parents, Norman and Carol, are prominent figures in Israeli fund-raising drives in Toronto. Carol returned to Canada recently from a two-week trip to Egypt and Israel.

Their daughter came here at the age of 16 and enrolled in a school just outside Jerusalem. Following the completion of her high-school education, Karen joined the armed forces. It was an experience she will not soon forget.

"Basic training was tough," she recalls. "They humiliate you, ordering you around. I cleaned pots on the first day. I was taught to shoot and to cope with gas attacks."

Initially, she found the discipline hard to take. "I wasn't used to it." In time, she adapted to the rigorous routine.

In retrospect, Karen has mixed feelings about the two years she spent in the air force.

Karen Epstein — a Canadian Israeli

"It was a disillusioning experience, and I was glad to get out," she admits. "Most of my commanders were real idiots. They knew what they were doing but they misused their powers and didn't work too hard. Some of them were unqualified, too."

Karen says ruefully that her overseers were poor taskmasters. "I worked hard, but they didn't appreciate it."

On balance, the army taught her to be more self-sufficient and tougher. She says she discovered that soldiers from economically disadvantaged backgrounds display "great resentment" toward those from affluent homes.

Karen cautions that the army, contrary to popular understanding, does not reflect the nation. "Israel isn't the army. Don't think that's Israel."

At the present, she is studying nursing at the Hebrew University. It is a four-year course and only veterans of the armed forces are eligible for admittance.

Surprisingly, Karen has no firm definition of Zionism, the ideology that propelled her to Israel. But she does say, with some conviction, that Jews should live in Israel rather than the Diaspora. "The country would be stronger."

In her view, it's not enough to donate money to Israel.

She concedes that new immigrants face awesome obstacles in adjusting to Israeli society, but she adds, "Most olim don't try enough to be accepted by the Israelis." Most of her friends are Israelis.

Karen has some uncharitable things to say about the agencies that are supposed to facilitate the integration of newcomers. "They're inefficient and something should be done about the situation."

Karen's parents were not thrilled when she opted to settle in Israel. "They didn't want me to go. They said I would have an easier life in Canada."

Says Carol, her mother: "We're both very proud that she's shown so much stamina and determination, though we would have liked to have had her closer to our family."

TJC allocates $30,000 to boost curricula of part-time schools

TORONTO —

An allocation of $30,000 for supplementary schools is a new item in the education budget of Toronto Jewish Congress. Supplementary schools are those which have evening and/or weekend classes. Total enrolment in these schools is estimated at 4,600.

The $30,000 allocation will be used for curriculum enrichment and possibly for student bursaries. The money will be held in reserve until details of the program are worked out by the Board of Jewish Education and approved by the officers and executive of TJC.

Financial assistance for supplementary schools was first recommended by the Sudy Committee on Jewish Education and the recommendation was adopted this year by the implementation committee, headed by Harry Steiner, a TJC vice-president.

The principle of funding supplementary schools is not new as this has been done for Associated, Eitz Chaim and Borochov evening schools. In the 1978-79 budget, Eitz Chaim evening school is allocated $41042 plus a reserve of $15000 to run a special program for Russian immigrant students. In 1977-78, enrolment for Associated's evening program fell below the minimum number required for subsidization and the funding was discontinued. Borochov, last year, received $9000. The amount of this year's allocation is still to be determined.

The budget also allocates $141,000 as grants for non-subsidized day schools. The money will be kept in reserve pending a review of community policy regarding the funding of these schools. Grants were made last year to Beth Jacob High School, Leo Baeck Day School, Ner Israel High School, Ner Israel Yeshiva post secondary school and B'nai Akiva schools.

A grant of $40,000 will be made to the York University Jewish teacher training program.

New in the budget is a grant of $10,000 for the Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchange. The foundation arranges for visiting professorships of prominent Israeli scholars at major university centres in Canada.

TJC budget shows restraint

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work of the 50 members of the budget and finance committee "which has discharged its responsibility to the fullest." Four sub-committees reviewed the budget submissions of the local and national agencies and the schools. Sub-committee chairmen were Michael Benjamin, Madeleine Epstein, Yitz Feldman, and David Satok.

The budget breaks down in four major sections: Jewish education — $3,197,449, Local services — $1,853,857, National programs — $1,088,172, Special items — $44,700.

Some of the principal allocations are as follows:

Education

Board of Jewish Education — $356,000, Associated Hebrew Schools — $1,142,374, Bialik Hebrew Day Schools — $187,544, United Synagogue Day Schools — $137,910, Eitz Chaim Day Schools — $515,315, Eitz Chaim Evening School — $56,042, Community Hebrew Academy — $431,144, York U. Jewish teacher training — $40,000 — Grants to non-subsidized day schools — $141,000, Supplementary schools — $30,000.

National programs

Canadian Jewish Congress charities — $410,477, Canadian Jewish Congress immigrant relief — $553,760, Jewish Immigrant Aid Service — $123,935.

Local Services

Hillel — $64,389, Jewish Students Federation — $59,295, Jewish Camp Council — $26,200, Jewish Family & Child Service — $625,000, Jewish Public Library — $85,894, JVS guidance and counselling — $110,000, North East Jewish Community Services — $66,550, Toronto Hebrew Re-establishment Services — $15,200, Jewish Information Service — $41,844, YM-YWHA — $101,405, Creative Living Centre — $18,500, Toronto Jewish Congress administration — $411,012, TJC programs (archives, cemeteries, chaplaincy, education and culture, Holocaust remembrance, Yiddish, kashruth, Midrasha L'morim) — $228,568.

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Palestinians reject autonomy plan

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was prepared to brave a backlash.

Asab said Israel's version of self-rule was an imposed solution and thus did not satisfy the Palestinians in the occupied lands. "Anything imposed can't be fair," he said.

Declared another Palestinian, a rug merchant: "We don't care about Begin's plans for us."

Self-autonomy, noted a physician, would formalize Israel's desire to annex the West Bank. "It's not fair," commented a shoemaker, sitting in a tiny shop in one of East Jerusalem's labyrinthine streets. "We will not live under the thumb of others. We're as human as the Israelis."

"It's just a game," said a lawyer. "Israel can't have peace and land." Added a spice dealer: "It's bull...Israel will be in control. This can't be reconciled with self-rule."

An independent Palestinian state would go a long way to solve the Palestinian question, Asab remarked, adding: "We can live in peace with the Israelis after its creation."

The rug merchant said Palestinian refugees evicted from their homes in what is now Israel should be allowed the right to return. "Why should someone from Russia or America take our home? We cannot accept it. We accept Israel as an independent state, but we should have our rights."

Both the lawyer and the spice merchant had no qualms about the idea of a Jewish state in the region, provided its size is limited to the 1967 frontiers.

Asab debunked the practicality of a secular state. "It wouldn't work, and the Palestinians would rather have an independent state."

In the rug merchant's view, a secular state would work. "Arabs and Jews can live together," he said. Asked why Lebanon's experiment in secularism failed, he noted: "There are big powers there. They sowed dissension."

"It's the best solution," the physician said. The lawyer thought not. "It isn't practical. Jews are European and we are not. The two don't mix."

"It is our dream," said the spice dealer, "and we hope, in time, that the Jews accept it."

Asab said the PLO represents the Palestinians in general. "They have kept the Palestinian problem in the forefront of the world, but there are other Palestinian leaders who do not belong to the PLO."

The rug merchant had no hesitation about saying the PLO was the Palestinians' only world-wide representative, while the physician declined to comment on the subject. The lawyer said he was still debating the question. The spice dealer proclaimed: "Of course, they do! The PLO speaks in our name. We don't believe in any leader who deviates from its line." Like many of his fellow Palestinians, he has nothing but scorn for King Hussein, who administered the West Bank from 1949 until 1967. "I don't trust him. He's killed more Palestinians than the Israelis."

Asab is suspicious of Egypt's policy toward Israel, saying that a separate Israeli-Egyptian accord would be a traitorous act. "The Palestinians will then be left alone, and only God knows what will happen."

The rug merchant said the Egyptians will not betray the Palestinians, while the physician observed: Sadat is selling us down the river. He ignores our rights. It's the central problem."

The lawyer disagreed. "I believe Sadat will honor the commitments he made in his speech to the Knesset."

The spice dealer was just as emphatic. "Egypt can't live without the Arabs, and it will be isolated if Sadat abandons us. I hope he realizes that."

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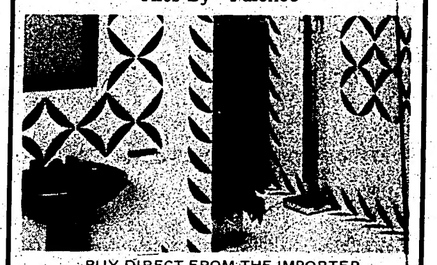

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Creating truth

'Media distorts Mid-East realities'

Simcha Jacobovici, a doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto, is president of the North American Jewish Student's Network, the umbrella organization for all Jewish student groups in North America. A version of this paper was presented at the Network Canada Conference at the Don Valley Holiday Inn, Dec. 29, 1978.

Since the 1967 Six Day War—and especially after the 1973 Yom Kippur War—the media has consistently distorted Israel's case to the world. The media's role in influencing public opinion is well known: the media creates "truth." What this means is that when the TV viewer sees the Syrian Army practice in Lebanon, and Walter Cronkite follows the visual report by calling these genocide forces "peace-keeping forces," people believe Cronkite and not their own eyes. This is very ominous.

In general, the media distorts Mid-East realities in several ways:

First by ommission. For example, everyone knows that Israel was created out of an area formerly called "Palestine," as there is scarcely a report that does not remind them of this fact. Very few people, however, know that Jordan was created out of the same area: over 80 percent of the territory formerly called Palestine, excluding the "West Bank." The annexation by Jordan of the West Bank between the years 1953 to 1967 was not recognized by Egypt, Syria, or the United Nations itself. Very few people know this because the media scarcely ever reports it.

Another example of a distortion by ommission is that the PLO's Arafat is often described as "moderate." The PLO attacked civilians in Israel 14 times during the month of November 1978 alone. This hardly received any coverage. The bomb blast in a Jerusalem bus last month, which injured 21 persons, was also hardly mentioned. Every "in depth" analysis that I have ever seen on the PLO neglects to quote the PLO covenant which denies "national self-determination" to Jews. The media never notes that, in all of its operations in Israel, the PLO only aims its attacks at civilian targets.

Second, the media achieves distortions in a more subtle manner by misusing terminology. For example, Old Jerusalem is never called "Old Jerusalem"; it is labelled "Arab Jerusalem." Why? According to both the Turkish and British censuses, the Jews have been the majority in Jerusalem since the early 1840s. By the time the modern state of Israel was created in 1948, the Jews had been the majority in Jerusalem for over one hundred years. Jewish Jerusalem became "Arab Jerusalem" by virtue of the massacre of its Jewish population, and the conversion of the survivors into refugees during the 1948 War of Independence. If the media wants to be correct it should call Jerusalem "Jewish Jerusalem." If it pretends to be "objective," it might call Jerusalem "Old Jerusalem," but why "Arab Jerusalem"?

Finally, the media's ability to distort facts and present white as black and vice versa, is enhanced by creating permenent word associations. For example, the words "intransigent," "stubborn," "inflexible," etc., have become automatic adjectives when describing the present Israeli government. A recent Time magazine report (Dec. 25, 1978) admits that although Egypt had accepted and signed the Camp David accords "Sadat later balked." Furthermore, Time reports that, during his recent trip to Cairo (prior to Dec. 17), Vance knew that "Sadat was going to rewrite parts of the draft treaty."

Later, as soon as the negotiators left Camp David—before any attempt to isolate Sadat at the Bagdhad summit, before any Arab pressure whatsoever was exerted on Egypt—the Cronkites already began to shout "linkage." Sadat sat back and watched the media undo Camp David. How could Sadat legitimately oppose the Bagdhad summit, when Time was calling the summit "moderate"? How could Sadat be less pro-Arab than Time magazine? The media declared the Camp David accords as less than meaningful, unless these accords created the conditions for their own demise. The Sinai agreement, it has been argued, must be made contingent on a West Bank settlement, and this in turn must be made contingent on certain "target dates." Thus, should the Palestinian Arabs on the West Bank refuse to negotiate, or should the "target" dates not be met, the whole Sinai agreement would be null and void after Israel had withdrawn its troops. Sadat is also being supported by much of the media when he argues that he must reserve the right to attack Israel, should Israel attack an ally of his. Thus, all Syria would have to do at some desired future date is amass troops in the Golan, induce an Israeli preemptive strike, and Israel would once more be fighting a war on three fronts.

In Israel, however, they listen carefully to Sadat and Arafat, not to the Cronkites. The Israelis see how binding Sadat's signature at Camp David proved to be. Israel knows how much Eisenhower's "guarantees" were worth after the '56 Sinai war. Israel knows how much Nixon's "guarantees" ending the War of Attrition in 1970, were worth. Israel sees how much U.S. "guarantees" to South Vietnam at the Paris "Peace Talks" were worth. Israel sees how much U.S. "guarantees" to Taiwan were worth. Israel listens very carefully to what the PLO says and does, and what the Saudis said and did at the recent Bagdhad summit. There is nothing "moderate" in all this. Because Israel's fight is for her very survival, Israel does not look for solutions conjured up by the media. Neither should we.

New initiatives

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Grossman referred to the areas that Israel's director general of the international trade division told Canadian businessmen in November where they would have particularly good chances of success in Israel: tourist and hotel development, urban transportation and power generation. Also, joint ventures with Israel in the fields of solar energy, waste recycling, and energy recovery from industrial waste would be particularly promising.

Referring to Ontario's recently passed anti-boycott legislation, Grossman said: "I believe Canada can take advantage of the growing trade opportunities throughout the Middle East, and that we can do it without compromising our principles or our sense of justice."

Grossman has been minister of industry and tourism since late summer. Previously, he was minister of consumer affairs.

In introducing Grossman, Ray Wolfe, chairman of the board of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, pointed out to the audience, in a jocular vein, that it was an auspicious sign that a fellow by the name of Grossman had been elected to Queens Park in a riding called St. Andrew-St. Patrick.

The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry works to improve trade between the two countries. During the course of his talk, Grossman praised the CICC.

Presidents of the chamber are R. Lou Ronson, Ontario region and E. Leo Kolber, Quebec region. Vice-presidents are: Charles Bronfman, Phil Granovsky, Harold Greenberg, and Sol Lederman. Jack Israeli is national treasurer, while Sidney Greenberg is national secretary. Executive director is C.K. Malamut.

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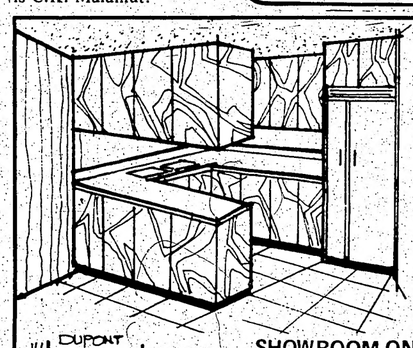

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Michael's Story

Michael, a refugee from Soviet Russia, was left unemployed at the age of 67 when his employer closed the business. With virtually no funds and unable to speak English, he appealed to the Toronto Hebrew Re-Establishment Services for aid. He was given a loan to cover living expenses. Then, after making 26 phone calls, the agency landed a job for Michael. He is now working happily six days a week, earning $220 weekly and is rapidly repaying his loan.

Daniel's Story

Daniel is attending the Midrasha to become a teacher in the Jewish school system. You will find him most evenings at the Jewish Public Library studying the Bible, Tanach and Talmud to help prepare him for his career. Jewish and non-Jewish students research their theses on Judaica subjects at the JPL. Last week the New York Times consulted the library for information on the Toronto Jewish community to tie in with a story on Prime Minister Begin's visit here.

Tara's Story

Tara is in an elementary class in a Jewish day school and doing quite well, much to the relief of her parents. Up to a few months ago it looked like Tara could not continue in the school because she just couldn't keep up. The family agreed to a consultation with a worker from the Jewish Vocational Service, which operates a guidance and counselling program in the schools. After a psychological assessment, Tara was given remedial treatment and there were several counselling sessions with both the parents and teacher. Tara has made great progress and there's no question now that she will be able to continue in the school.

We could have told these stories in much more detail. We could have told of the tears, the emptiness, the desperation. We didn't think you wanted that. Or needed it.

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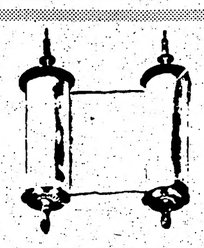

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayigasa/ Chanuka

Mausarto giborim byad chaloshim...You gave the mighty into the hands of the weak...

On Chanuka the **shechina** has to rest on every Jew — we have to light up our neshamas with new fire.

The Gustininer Rav once caught some of his hassidim playing cards during Chanuka. They were embarrased, but he remarked to them:

"You know, when I was a youngster, I also played cards on Chanuka. I learned two things from the game — when you have bad cards, throw them away. And when you've been dealt good cards, keep them hidden — no one has to know what you have..." (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer)

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On Chanuka, it's a custom to play dreidel, spinning the top round and round. On Purim, it's a custom to turn the grager round and round. What's with all the turns?

But it teaches...the whole world is a dreidel, spinning constantly. One day the Greeks were tops, the next they were crushed. Haman blossomed, then he hung. Children of paupers become millionaires, and grandchildren of wealthy barons have to scrape for bread.

In Yiddishkeit, too. Grandchildren of great rabbis become **mechalelai Shabbos** (Sabbath desecraters), while children from the most assimilated homes become Rosh Yeshivas.

Who knows where the spin will take a person. But someone who prospers should not be proud, and those who have fallen from G-dliness and Torah need not despair. If a Jew wants, he can always turn the dreidel around, and turn to the Almighty. (Divirai Eliezer).

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The only way a Jew can guarantee his Yiddishkeit is by having a good rebbe, a good guide.

The son of the saintly Reb Isaac of Ziditchev was the son-in-law of Reb Avaraham of Stretin. When he was at his father-in-law's house, the lighting of Chanuka candles took hours, as the Stretiner rabbi led his Chassidim in many melodies. But at his father's, the candle lighting took little more than fifteen minutes. The son asked his father why he did it so quickly.

Answered the Zidichiver: "It's a miracle that I don't become consumed with the flames altogether, and you want me to spend even longer lighting the candles?" (Sipuray Chassidim)

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That is what Chanuka licht are all about — to turn us on, to awaken us, that Torah should light the darkest recesses of our heart.

Consider...in the Shulchan Aruch it's declared: "Whoever lights a Chanuka menora and stands with it in his hand, does not fulfill the command..."

Strange! If a person wants to hold the menora the whole time to show his love for it, why is it no good?

But it shows...whoever lights the menorah **v'omaid**, he stands, he doesn't move, he doesn't change, he remains the same Jew he was the day before, he doesn't try to study more Torah, to draw closer to G-d, he does not fulfill the commandment.

A Jew can't stand like a stone, unmoving. He must be alive!

Didn't our rabbis teach—"hadlakoh oseh mitzvah, the lighting of the menorah is the main mitzvah." Not how much Chanukah gelt, not what type of gifts, not how salty the latkes are, not the Chanuka parties — but the little flame made to grow, and brighten a Jew's future, that is Chanuka.

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Local contributions helping welfare of Israeli soldiers

By MATT BELLAN

TORONTO — The Canadian Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel needs your help.

For many Toronto Jews, dropping into the association's local branch at Lawrence and Marlee with "money for the soldiers" has become a ritual, almost an obligation.

"We don't even have to ask them," says Terry Fialkov, the volunteer who runs the office. "A lot of older people in particular come down here by bus around Chanuka, Passover, and Rosh Hashana to drop off cheques for gift parcels. They go out feeling they've done something important for Israel."

A $15 contribution helps the parent organization in Israel buy flashlights, shaving equipment, candy, coffeepots and other small gifts, says Irving Matlow, chairman of the association's Toronto branch. Twice a year, every soldier on active duty receives a parcel, a token of appreciation from Jews in Israel and abroad, to remind him that he is not fighting alone, that the whole Jewish nation stands behind him.

The gifts aren't lavish, but they provide an important psychological boost, particularly for soldiers without family in Israel.

Giftgiving is only part of the association's work. Its main project now is the completion of a soldiers' house at Beersheba, says Matlow. The home can accommodate 325 soldiers on overnight leaves and provides first-class hotel service for about $1.25 a night.

The second phase of the centre, to be completed within the next few months, will house a kitchen and dining room capable of serving 600 soldiers at a sitting at a cost of about 27 cents per meal. It will also include a stopover centre where soldiers in transit can rest for a few hours and shower.

The association also helps pay for recreational services for soldiers at their military camps: bookmobiles, sporting equipment, television sets and other amenities.

It has also built camps throughout Israel where soldiers can go for 10 days' rest and recreation.

The camps have also been used as rehabilitation centres for injured soldiers because of the lack of military hospitals in the country.

To pay for all this, the association relies on volunteer fund-raising events, sales of $25 annual memberships and donations for gift parcels. Newspaper ads, speeches by association members and word-of-mouth publicity are used to spread the message.

"It's a kind of giving from the heart where everybody helps out," says Mrs. Fialkov.

Workers from neighboring offices answer her phone when she leaves for the day. Her children put up posters, advertising teas by ladies' groups raising money for the soldiers. The office she works out of was donated by the Zionist Organization of Canada.

Born in Paris, Mrs. Fialkov and her mother spent the Second World War in concentration camps. Her father died at Auschwitz. Israeli soldiers rescued her mother, one of the passengers on the Air France plane hijacked to Entebbe Airport in Uganda.

The depth of her feelings comes out when she speaks to local groups or narrates slide shows about the association's work.

The Toronto branch's membership has almost tripled since its founding in 1970 and now stands at 700. But Mrs. Fialkov and her associates aren't satisfied.

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Co-ordinator for the Canadian seminar was Rabbi M. Mitchell Serels of Toronto, associate director of Yeshiva University's Sephardic studies program and faculty advisor to Club Canada at Yeshiva College, the university's undergraduate division for men. Educational co-ordinator was Rabbi Yosef Blau, mashgiach ruchani (religious guidance counsellor) at Yeshiva University.

Head advisors were Ruby Wolbromsky of Montreal, a student at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, and Rena Lifshitz, a student at Stern College For Women, the undergraduate division for women of Yeshiva University.

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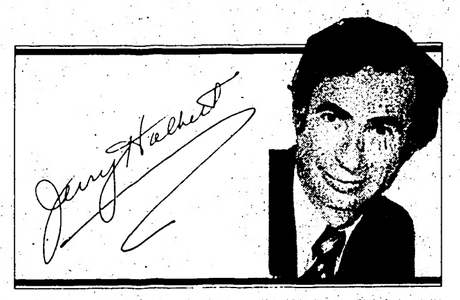

It was nice getting together with the top "Jewish civil servants" of our community at the first meeting of the Community Services group. **Jerry Diamond**, of the Jewish Family & Child Services, is chairman.

The prospects in this group will be covered through separate campaigns in the various agencies and institutions. Campaign plans were discussed at the meeting.

This group has always produced excellent results and Jerry promises that 1979 will be no exception.

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Allan Offman has asked me to remind members of the Major Gifts department that the next Major Gifts meeting is on **Friday**, Jan. 5, instead of the usual Thursday. Guest speaker will be **Rabbi Harvey Fields**, of Holy Blossom Temple.

As usual, this will be a breakfast meeting (starting at 8 a.m.) and the locale is the Inn on the Park, Wilket Creek room.

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My thanks to **Dr. Howard Vernon**, president of the Aleph Chi Rho fraternity, for organizing a UJA breakfast meeting of chiropractors at the Triumph Hotel. **Dr. Howard Tile**, chairman of the Health Professions division, spoke on his recent trip to Israel with the Toronto Prime Minister's mission and also discussed local needs.

We welcome the chiropractors into the ranks of UJA workers and supporters.

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Members of the Creative Living Centre featured the UJA at one of their regular Wednesday afternoon programs. They enjoyed especially our slide presentation, Someone Will Help, which has a segment on the centre.

The members of this centre for the elderly are now busily canvassing for the 1979 campaign and report that results are excellent.

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Four Jewish university students from Toronto are in Israel with the UJA student leadership mission. They are **Fern Krausman** and **Dora Nathanson** of York University, and **Rosalie Liberman** and **Susan Marcus** of the University of Toronto.

The girls visited Kiryat Hayovel, the slum area in Jerusalem which the Toronto UJA will help rehabilitate through Project Renewal.

On their return to Toronto later this week the girls will participate in a series of meetings to report what they have seen and heard. I'm looking forward to hearing their reports.

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And while on the subject of university students, I'm pleased to announce that their annual UJA campaign will get underway officially at a dinner on Thursday, Jan. 18, Baycrest Terrace. Guest speakers will be **Gay Berger**, of our Women's Division, who will report on the UIA mission to Poland, Roumania, and Israel, and **Yona Gazit**, the Keren Haysod representative in Ontario.

Co-ordinators of the event are **Debi Fine** and **Brenda Krugel** of York, and **Julea Resnick** and **Aliza Kirsh** of the U of T.

I'm told the students are determined to raise at least $20,000 at **each** campus.

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Saul Chapman and **John Goldstein**, co-chairmen of the Food group tell me that 90 percent of the cards are in the hands of canvassers and completed cards are rolling in at a fast pace. **Sid Chelsky**, chairman of the Food & Service division, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Food group. He reported on the Toronto Prime Minister's mission to Israel and provided details of Project Renewal.

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The need for added dollars to offset inflation was emphasized by **Miriam Ziev**, Israel vice-consul, who spoke at a meeting of the Tzosmerer Society just after her recent return from Israel. The 70 members who attended the luncheon responded in a most positive way, according to reports I have received from UJA co-chairmen **Joseph Israel** and **Elias Teitelbaum**. **Chil Elfbaum** is president of the society.

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Instead of taking the day off, as many of us did, members of the Furniture group had a bagel and coffee meeting on Boxing Day morning at the Northwood Golf & Country Club. Arrangements were made by **Chuck Caplan** and **Larry Gluckstein**. "It was our last free day to meet before the big furniture show," explained Chuck, "so we took advantage of the holiday to check up on how the canvassing is going and to distribute more cards."

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My best wishes to the entire UJA team for a very happy 1979. Let's hope the new year will be a peaceful one and let's continue to work hard for Israel and for the local community.

Until next week. . . .

Chairman declares attendance at UJA gifts meeting 'phenomenal'

TORONTO —

The attendance this year at United Jewish Appeal Major Gifts meetings "has been nothing short of phenomenal," says Allan Offman, chairman of the department.

Major Gifts, which accounts for 75% of the total funds raised in the campaign, is already at the half-way point in the completion of card coverage, with substantial increases reported all the way down the line. To Offman, this is indicative of the progress in the overall campaign.

"The planning this year has been totally different," Offman explained. "It was a 'lay-back' strategy, primarily to test Project Renewal. But the catalyst was the weekend appearance of Prime Minister Begin in November. We really held back compared to previous years."

When Project Renewal was first brought to the attention of the leadership, there was some skepticism as to the feasibility of featuring it in addition to the regular campaign.

"We thought it would be confusing and counter-productive in the long term," he commented.

The prime minister's mission to Israel in August dispelled any misgivings on the part of the Torontonians who participated. "Jerry Halbert, Joel Greisman, Irving Granovsky and I saw the slum clearance, we visited with some of the families involved and each of us felt the emotional impact of something that is so tangible."

It turns out their instincts were correct. The response to Project Renewal has been stunning, Offman states, and he has the figures to verify his statement. To date, $5 million has been raised for Project Renewal in this , the first half of the first year of a five-year program.

Allan Offman of United Jewish Appeal

He credits much of the success to Wilfred Posluns, Jimmy Kay, Phil Granovsky, and other leadership who backed it all the way and kept up the momentum with their active endorsement.

Nov. 11, the night of the fund-raising dinner where Prime Minister Begin was the guest of honor, was, according to Offman, "a singular fund-raising success of this community."

The planning that went into that evening involved "' lot of intensive detail work on the part of a great many people in the fund-raising sector—Lionel Schipper, Tubby Cole, Mark Friedman, Charles Diamond, Joel Greisman, Hy Isenbaum, Jerry Halbert, and myself," Offman said.

"The prime minister was visibly moved by the response and made a point of mentioning it to Jerry (Halbert) and me the following morning before the rally at Beth Tzedec.

But the real work, Offman is quick to point out, is in card coverage. And this is another aspect of the 1979 campaign which pleases him enormously—the fact that many past chairmen are coming out to meeting after meeting and are as much involved as they were during their terms as chairmen.

Former chairmen like Wilfred Posluns, Tubby Cole, Al Green, and Ralph Halbert are campaigning actively, Offman continued. "That was the pattern set at a dinner Murray Koffler hosted in early October for Jerry Halbert. Fourteen past campaign chairmen turned out to offer their encouragement and support. It was a show of solidarity and continuity rarely seen in our community."

Offman said the pattern of giving up to now shows a 12% increase over last year. "We have to maintain at least this level." he added, "to counteract the depreciation of the dollar."

Ms. Mandel gives description of ideal 'good Jewish leader'

HAMILTON —

A good Jewish leader has to be able to get up on the table and scream "gewalt," according to Claire Mandel, a woman who knows what good leadership is all about and who is concerned about the increasing frequency with which complaints about the difficulties of finding people willing to accept leadership positions are being voiced these days.

They come from all organizations and from all levels and if the problem is more prevalent in small communities, large ones are not immune.

Mrs. Mandel is now Canadian Hadassah-WIZO national chairman of Youth Aliyah. Before this post she held a number of other national portfolios. She is constitution and leadership chairman of Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO Council, has twice been chairman of the Hamilton UJWF women's division, is a member of the board of the Jewish Home for the Aged and of the Hamilton Jewish Federation and during the years has served in just about every leadership capacity short of federation president.

Working quietly behind the scenes may be laudable, but in Jewish life, unfortunately, Mrs. Mandel suggests, this often works in reverse. If nobody knows what you are doing, you are not going to get results and a good leader, she maintains, must be able to yell "bloody murder and have the courage to bring other people along."

The most successful communities, she pointed out, in a recent interview, are those where past presidents have remained involved. "There is nothing more demoralizing for people who have been working than to see their president disappear at the end of the term with a "good luck, kid, you're on your own."

In today's youth-oriented society people come to leadership positions much too young, often without first having worked their way up through the ranks. Then they say "I've done my thing" and go.

The generation of past leaders has to be alert, suggests the mother of four sons ranging in age from 17 to 23. "You can't just come in and do your thing and then go. It makes me very angry.

"Ask yourself, did I stay and take someone by the hand and stay until they were ready to take on leadership and teach them to do the same thing? Each leader has to produce another leader, that's the bottom line. That is more vital than financial contributions. When there is leadership, money will follow."

Money alone, on the other hand, is not enough. "It's too easy to write a cheque. It has to be a combination of money and work because people respect you for what you do, not what you give."

Above all, however, there must be involvement and nothing irks her more than seeing people being moved to tears by speeches — and then walking away without doing anything.

And once there is involvement, don't be petty. "People are much too sensitive. They are hurt once and then they go away." It is a problem common in small communities but "look to your common goals. If the preservation of the community and the institutions that enrich Jewish life are important, then you have to rise above pettiness or they will be no organization and no community."

Quebec group is created to combat Zionism

Cont'd from Page 1

Member organizations are charged $25 to $100, based on size of membership, and individuals $5 annually. Unions and federations pay $200. Additional donations are gratefully accepted.

While aid from the CSN and Quebec-Palestine is no surprise, money from the Quebec government is. According to Lise St. Jean, the Mouvement's secretary, the Ministry of Immigration has sent "observers" to both the May and December meetings.

Although no money has been received from, or even promised, by the Quebec government, said Ms. St. Jean, the Mouvement obviously feels confident enough in their amicable relationship with the Ministry to budget $5,000.

The specific sources of foreign aid is unclear. Ms. St. Jean would not reveal where this money originates, although EAFORD would seem a likely source. Ms. St. Jean said there were a number of international organizations based in France that "supported the Mouvement, which is not officially affiliated with any other organization.

Expenses are listed as salaries and "benefits" ($16,500); overhead, such as rent, utilities, and travel expenses (19,500); and publication and distribution of a newsletter ($6,000)—a total of $25,000, meaning a deficit of $2,700.

The office of the Mouvement is in the CEQ headquarters on St. Lawrence Boulevard near Jarry, also the home of the CEGEP teachers' federation and the Conseil Quebecois de la Paix.

The Conseil Quebecois de la Paix, an 11-year-old Communist group believed to the Moscow-directed, is represented on the executive committee of the Mouvement by its founder, Edward Sloan, a Jew who has been associated with a variety of left-wing causes since the late '30s.

Also on the executive, the section that carries on the routine work throughout the year and is responsible for handling the money, are Faraj of Quebec-Palestine; and representatives of the Conseil Central des Syndicates Nationaux de Montreal (a division of the CSN); Rassemblement des Africains du Quebec; and Maison d'Haiti. Ms. St. Jean, a graduate student at the Universite de Montreal, is the "Mouvement's only staff member.

Other member organizations include: Centre International de Solidarite Ouvriere; Guyanese Association; Bureau de la Communaute Chretienne de Haitiens de Montreal; Federation Canado-Arabe; Centre d'Information et de Recherches pour les Immigrants; and the Quebec Carribean Committee.

La Ligue des Droits de l'Homme, a left-wing civil rights group, affiliated with an international association headquartered in Paris, is an observer. The Quebec group, unlike its sister organizations around the world, endorses the UN decree that Zionism is racism.

There can be little doubt of the predominance of anti-Zionism in the Mouvement's goals. This is no better illustrated than in the case of J. Antoine Gagnon.

Last September, when the Mouvement was close to declaring itself a permanent body, Gagnon submitted a cheque for $25 for the membership of Association Quebec-Israel, of which he is director. AQI has about 350 members, mostly French-Canadian.

Gagnon was granted observer status at the Dec. 1 meeting. At that meeting Gagnon insisted that AQI be given full member's status. He was told that would only be possible if AQI adhered to all of the goals of the Mouvement, i.e., including the denunciation of Zionism.

Gagnon, a teacher at a French school, is a member of the CEQ. He argues that AQI is not political but merely a social-cultural group of people who are interested in the Holy Land either for religious or strictly tourist reasons.

"We might as well let in the apartheidists of South Africa," Chartrand called out from the audience after Gagnon's attempt to become a member.

Gagnon has followed up his case by letter with the Mouvement. To date no reply has been received, let alone a satisfactory one. And the cheque for $25 has not been cashed.

NEXT WEEK: The Mouvement Quebecois pour Combattre le Racism's goals and proposed activities.

Shul given scroll

BRANTFORD —

"Now therefore, write ye this song for you, and teach thou it the children of Israel" — Deut. 31:19 — From these short words, our Rabbis (Sanhedrin 21B) tell us that there exists a special commandment incumbent upon each Jew to have a Torah scroll written.

At a ceremony here on Dec. 17, Congregation Beth David was presented with a Torah scroll by Paul Abeles, chairman of the board, and his family.

Rabbi Moshe Yeres officiated. Yeres spoke on the apprpriateness of hosting a Torah dedication on the eve of Chanuka — the holiday of the rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees. He continued by pointing out similarities between the victory of the Hasmoneans, and the devoted and dedicated lives of Paul and Rita Abeles to the Jewish community of Brantford.

The rabbi concluded by noting the maxim of ethics of the fathers. — "Upon three things the world stands: upon Torah, upon worship, upon acts of kindness," where the importance of the Torah is stressed as an essential ingredient to the existence of the world.

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Soulless production

Pro Arte Trio was concert's only bright spot

music

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Brilliant instrumental performances by pianist Jane Coop and flautist Suzanne Shulman of the Pro Arte Trio comprised the few-and-far-between praiseworthy aspects of an otherwise overacademicized, soulless concert billed as "A Festival of Jewish Song" presented by the TJC Jewish Music Committee in co-operation with CBC radio which took place Dec. 17 at Temple Emanu-El.

The choice of material was most admirable and in ideal spirit with today's concept of Jewish unity. The program consisted of 10 Sephardic folk songs, six Yiddish folk songs, three serious Jewish selections (by Bloch, Lavry, and Ravel) and four original works which were specifically commissioned by the TJC music committee for this event.

The additional inclusion of Mendelssohn's **Variations Serieuses** probably aroused valid question marks as to its suitability in such a consciously thematic Jewish program. But, as it turned out, Jane Coop's solo piano performance of this virtuoso tour-de-force was so technically spectacular and emotionally vibrant that it was the highlight of the entire evening. She is of first-rate international calibre.

Then why did the rest of the concert, with a few mild exceptions, become such a tedious bore? Because it lacked from-the-heart Jewish soul, either in the performances and arrangements of the folksongs or in the composition and performances of the original works.

The folk-songs were greatly disserviced by the stylistically irrelevant orchestrations of Mieczyslaw Kolinski, who is a musicologist and scholar emeritus at the University of Toronto. His pseudo-impressionistic busy arrangements obscured the intended prime impact of the melodies in themselves. As a result, the songs' unique basic emotions, whether they be the gallant romance of Ladino love ballads or the earthy yet humanistically subtle pathos of Yiddish folk laments, never achieved their proper prominence.

Generally speaking, matters were not helped much by soprano Belva Spiel. Her operatic background, on its own, is not what was required to convey these songs to maximum effect to the audience. What she lacked was both a from-the-gut neshama empathy and the proper comprehension of the essential dramatic context of both the Sephardic and Ashkenazi folk mediums which was required in order for her to sound convincing.

As it was, she performed everything as though it was stylized opera. In addition, her voice sometimes lost control, most notably during the high climaxes. And her pronunciation of both the Ladino and Yiddish lyrics was frequently inaccurate.

Ms. Spiel's operatic stylization was especially inappropriate in her performance of Saul Chapman's original abstract Holocaust work entitled **We Are One**. The required from-the-gut stark dramatic anguish, intended by the text, was lacking. Thus, the intended impact was lost. Her operatic semi-vibrato interpretation of such vital phrases as "killing by gas—emaciated bodies" sounded not powerfully meaningful but embarrassingly ludicrous.

For the most part, the four world premieres of commissioned original compositions sounded contrived. They lacked either compelling melodic themes or innovative harmonic-rhythmic sequences. Instead, they sounded calculated along lines of set scholastic preconceptions, whether it be the grandiloquence (without that vital compelling melodic unifying theme) of Steven Gellman's **Psalm 121** or the dry dissonance (minus innovation) of Sam Dolin's **Lest We Forget** which was written for soprano and solo flute.

Musically and, for the most part, thematically, Saul Chapman's **We Are One** was only a pale redundancy of his earlier Holocaust masterpiece **Yad Vashem**. I would have liked to have seen in his second Holocaust composition a much more melodic imprint, musically conveying the Yiddish and eclectic European cultural refinement of the massacred European Jews, which would have complemented the excellent abstract dissonance of his earlier opus.

Somewhat more memorable, insofar as it didn't fall back on the most obvious avant-garde cliches, was Samuel Levitan's musical background to Peretz Miransky's movingly essential poem **Yiddish**. But even here, because it lacked a compelling identifiable melody in a Yiddish style, in the final analysis, this piece also remained an artificial contrivance based on scholastic preconception rather than on pithy emotion.

Verdict on 'Jacob Two-Two': some wonderful moments

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

A scene from 'Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang.'

Mordecai Richler's popular children's book, **Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang**, is an obvious natural for dramatization on the stage, balanced with adventure and wit which appeal to kids from six and up. (It has in fact, been made into a film but has yet to find distribution.) No wonder Susan Rubes, Young Peoples Theatre producer, who has a long history of presenting original musicals, recognized the book's stage potential and turned it into a musical adaptation.

She's used some of the best talent around onstage and off, many of whom have worked with her before including two of her most popular writers, Dodi Robb and Pat Patterson of **Dandy Lion** fame. Add to this the considerable comic abilities of Barbara Hamilton, Kenneth Wickes, George Buza (the Fang himself), and William Webster; the choreography of Donald Himes (Babar); Bob Ashley's musical arrangements; Stephen Katz's inventive direction, and you have all the ingredients for a real winner.

Jacob Two-Two doesn't always succeed in the way you'd like it to, though it does have some wonderfully wacky moments to remember. With its numerous set changes, zany dream sequences, expansive plot, and many characters, there's a lot to grab hold of in a two-hour show; one that you hope will please the primary school set for whom it's intended, yet not lose the fresh, and delightful humor of the story which has a slightly more sophisticated bent and jargon than most children's books.

Writers Robb and Patterson along with co-authors, composers, and lyricists, Joy Alexander and Peg McKelvey, have elected to stick pretty close to the original story, eliminating Mrs. Hooded Fang, which still follows a precocious little kid named Jacob Two-Two (called that because he says everything twice), who is put-upon by everybody more than the age of nine in his family and neighborhood because they can do and say things he can't.

Jacob, manipulated by those awful adults, runs away and falls asleep in a nearby park where, like Pinocchio, he enters dream fashion into a prison for bad boys called Slimers Isle ruled by the great and awful Hooded Fang and a couple of walking horrors called Master Fish and Mistress Fowl. Unlike Pinocchio's co-patriots, Jacob's inmates have been forced into slave labor in the dungeon because they have committed the unspeakable crimes of spoiling their parents' plans by catching measles and talking out of turn. In the bowels of Slimers Isle, they perform rotten tasks like making ketchup that won't come out of the bottle no matter how hard you shake it and printing signs saying 'Adults Only.'

Jacob is ultimately rescued by super kids—complete in gold capes and glittering T-Shirts which blazen the battle cry of child power across the stage. It's a passe slogan by now (Richler's book was written four years ago when those power emblems were chic), but forgiveable in the context of the story.

Katz's direction is generally sound, reaching its best heights in the superbly executed production numbers like **Guilty**, the courtroom sequence which finds a dippy Alice in Wonderland judge played by William Webster leading on a condemnation of Jacob with anti-kid cliches, and the zinging Act II, **Dear Little Fingers**, presided over by the inimitable Barbara Hamilton as Mistress Fowl amidst Tom Doherty's best set of the show, the subterranean boiler room.

Where Jacob falls down is in its earnestness in trying to conquer the same large areas that only a novelist can do, leaving some vulnerable areas in the show and a patchy, unevenness. As well, Katz, as clever as he is in the big numbers could not orchestrate the all-important children's scenes to a level where you could hear all the delicious dialogue. Crucial pacing was lost.

Individually, there are some real comers in the young group, in particular Sammy Snyder and Janet Zuccarini as Fearless O'Toole and Intrepid Shapiro, the Super Kids, Hadley Kay as Jacob, who makes up in child power what he lacks in vocal power, and Jordanna and Jonathan Wise as Jacob's sister and brother.

Lyrically, the musical numbers retain the wit of the book, though the music has the stamp of **Oliver** all over it and is not nearly as singable.

WE REGRET

In The CJN issue of Dec. 21, there appeared an account of a concert given by Israeli pianist Mordecai Shehori in Hamilton and the heading spoke of a CIC (Canada-Israel Committee) concert. This should have been CICF (Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation). The CJN regrets the error.

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Scholar has answer to this biblical puzzle

JERUSALEM —

One of the most perplexing incidents in the biblical narrative of the Jewish people is recorded in the Book of Joshua, Chapter 10, verses 12-13. As the unknown chronicler described the event it has been a puzzle to commentators for centuries:

"Then Joshua spoke to the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel; and he said in the sight of Israel, 'Sun, be still upon Gideon; Moon, at the valley of Aiyalon!' The sun stood still, and the moon stopped while the nation took vengeance upon its enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day."

Many scholars have wondered about this passage; what actually did take place? Do the words describe a sand storm, an unusual cloud cover or what? Perhaps it was an optical illusion.

A British scholar, John F.A. Sawyer, has examined materials pertaining to this incident and is able to suggest the facts concerning the event. Writing in **The Palestine Exploration Journal** he explains the riddle using linguistic, astronomic, and historic evidence to support his thesis that the idea of the sun standing still is based upon the observation of a complete solar eclipse.

In his first proof, the examination of the Hebrew text, Sawyer notes that the Hebrew verb which usually means "to be still, inactive" is also to be found in another biblical context where it is linked with the verb "to be ashamed." In the latter context, as in that of the Book of Joshua, it is clear an eclipse is being described (Isaiah, Chapter 24, verse 23) and the situation is not just a temporary obscuring that might be caused by a sandstorm. Sandstorms are not infrequent in Israel therefore it seems logical to assume the particular Hebrew wording in Joshua must reflect a special event for which there was no adequate vocabulary at the time.

Historic parallels exist to back up Sawyer. The overall context of the incident occurs when the Jews were campaigning through the land of Canaan to capture Jerusalem. Four other campaigns with the same objective and based from the same area have occurred and all were directed in the fall. The reason for this particular strategy lies in the fact that by this time the summer drought has ended and the vital rains necessary for watering an army in the field could then be assured. Sawyer notes such campaigns included that of the Syrians against the Maccabees in 165 B.C.E., that of the Romans against Jerusalem in 66 C.E., the Crusaders under Richard the Lion-Heart against the Saracens in 1191, and the successful capture of Jerusalem by General Allenby from the Turks in 1917.

As the last resolution to the problem Sawyer takes on the question of the sentence that asserts the sun did not go down for the whole day. He points out an eclipse can last but a few minutes, but during that time a number of events transpire leaving a deep impression upon the observer, especially an observer who has never before witnessed such a happening. As the sky darkens birds will return to their nests, the stars will appear, and in a climate like Israel's, the temperature will drop quickly. The rarity of solar eclipses is such that the event will occur at most three times in one thousand years in any given place.

Excavations in and around the walls of Jerusalem have yielded valuable information about the life and times of Jews living in the Holy Land before Masada.

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Israeli concert set for Jan. 14

TORONTO —

The world premiere of the last work by Israeli composer Oedoen Partos is performed as part of CBC Radio's Beth Tzedec Music Festival planned for Jan. 14, Feb. 4 and 25, 1979, in the synagogue. The festival, produced in co-operation with the Beth Tzedec Congregation, highlights the works of other composers of Jewish music such as Mordecai Seter, Josef Tal, Ernest Bloch, and Paul Ben Haim as well as the music of Mozart, Beethoven, Debussy, and Shostakovich.

Partos was one of Israel's outstanding and prolific composers, who studied violin with Jeno Hubay and composition with Zoltan Kodaly. He was the concertmaster of a number of orchestras and also appeared as a soloist throughout Europe before settling in Israel in 1938. Partos died suddenly in July 1977, and one of his students, Rivka Golani Erdesz was chosen to premiere his final composition, **Invenzione a 3, 1977 [Homage to Debussy]**. Golani Erdesz is the violist for Trio Toronto, and they will perform Partos' work as part of their Feb. 4 concert beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The first concert of the festival, on Jan. 14, at 8:30 p.m., features the Tel Aviv String Quartet with special guest, Yona Ettlinger, clarinet. The quartet is resident in Israel, but has traveled extensively on world-wide tours and is regularly joined by Yona Ettlinger, who was first clarinet for the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and is now professor of chamber music and clarinet at the Guildhall School of Music in London, England.

The third and final concert of the series, on Feb. 25 at 4 p.m., is performed by the Faculty Trio from the music department, University of Toronto. Lorand Fenyves, violin; Vladimir Orloff, cello; and Patricia Parr, piano, play a varied program of music from such composers as Ernest Bloch, Shostakovich, and Paul Ben Haim.

Tickets are $10 for the series and $4 per concert and are abailable from the CBC ticket office at 925-3311, ext. 4835; at the Beth Tzedec office at 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto; or at the door before each performance.

Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Hamilton

Rabbi Baskin gets service award medal from Canadian Legion

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Rabbi Bernard Baskin, spiritual leader of Temple Anshe Sholom, was recently presented with the 50th Anniversary Service Award Medal by the Royal Canadian Legion, one of its highest awards, for serving as chaplain and counsellor to Branch 343, Maccabees, Royal Canadian Legion, for over 25 years.

Presenting the award, Branch 343 president Larry Woolf said it was for continued service and dedication to the objectives of the legion.

At the same ceremony, a flag was presented by Romanian-born Nathan Katari, a former concentration camp inmate who arrived in Israel in 1951 and in 1958 came to Hamilton.

It was one of two flags Katari brought back from a trip to Israel last year—one flag he presented to the Jewish Community Centre upon his return—because, Maccabees' secretary Saul Feldman said in accepting the flag, "he felt he wanted to do something for the community in which he has found safety and solace."

It will "remind us of the suffering of our people during the Holocaust, which we shall never forget," stated Feldman, who served in Africa and India with the RCAF during World War II.

The flag will also serve as a reminder of the difficulties and many sacrifices Israel has endured and survived "and in tribute to its valiant defenders, we are very proud to have this flag in our possession."

Will Hadassah have a man in the Vatican?

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's man in the Vatican? That is what Sean O'Sullivan may well turn out to be one day.

It's an intriguing idea prompted by a letter from the former Hamilton-Wentworth Progressive-Conservative M.P., who is now studying for the priesthood in Rome and who also happens to be a male life associate member of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

Writing to Monty Mazin, who leaves his post of director of Hamilton and Region State of Israel Bonds at the end of this month to become director of development and fund raising for Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, O'Sullivan refers to his two trips to Israel when he was still in politics, the first under the auspices of Bonds and organized by Mazin, and his subsequent involvement with the Bonds organization.

It was at one of these speaking engagements, a Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliya luncheon, that Claire Mandel, now national chairman, Youth Aliya, presented the young M.P. with the life associate membership.

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Jan. 9 Toronto Jewish Congress, T'nach Study Group, "Isaiah, Chapter 65 & 66 and an overview of the entire book of Isaiah," Dr. Joseph Kinghofer, lecturer, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
Jan. 12 Temple Sinai, Oneg Shabbat "Concert-in-the-Round" featuring the Pro Arte Trio. Temple Choir will sing at the Service, 210 Wilson Ave., 8:15 p.m.
Jan. 14 Beth Tzedec Congregation, "Music Festival," Tel Aviv String Quartet with Yona Ettlinger, in co-operation with CBC Radio, 1700 Bathurst St.
Jan. 20 Chamber Players of Toronto, concert featuring works by Freedman, Britten, Zuk and Mozart, Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building, 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 22 YM—YWHA, Centre for Human Affairs, courses in Family Studies, Personal Growth and Development, Jewish Studies and General Topic Courses, 4588 Bathurst St.
Jan. 23 Toronto Jewish Congress, T'nach Study Group, "Introduction to the Book of Judges, Chapters 1 & 2," Jack Burke, lecturer, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
Jan. 28 YM—YWHA, Toronto Dance Theatre, performance, 4588 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Jan. 31 YM—YWHA, Women's Resource Centre, "The New Woman," Paul Weinzweig, Ph.D., lecturer, Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., 1:30—3 p.m.
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Jewish Congress asks for probe into boycott

NEW YORK —

Following the exclusion of the Jewish-owned Bank Rothschild of Zurich from a syndicate organizing a $33 million loan for Algeria, the American Jewish Congress has called on the U.S. Treasury Department to investigate whether Algeria is participating in the Arab boycott of Israel.

According to bankers closely associated with the loan, the Banque Nationale d'Algerie—the Algerian state bank raising the money—asked that the Rothschild bank be excluded from the syndicate because of its Jewish ownership. The action followed consultations with the two other Arab syndicate members.

Two of the 14 banks in the Algerian syndicate are subsidiaries of American corporations—Citicorp International Finance of Geneva and the Dow Banking Corp. of Geneva.

Will Maslow, AJC general counsel, wrote to Secretary of the Treasury W. Michael Blumenthal:

"This action by Algeria gives rise to the reasonable assumption that Algeria is participating in other ways in the Arab boycott of Israel. We urge you, therefore, perhaps in consultation with the Commerce Department, to determine the Algerian degree of participation. If your inquiry shows such participation, we urge that Algeria be added to the statutory list of boycott participants."

The list is used to enforce sections of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 which deny income tax benefits to taxpayers who have agreed to participate in or co-operate with an international boycott not sanctioned by the United States.

Gilbert de Botton, general manager of the Zurich bank, confirmed widely circulating rumors that his bank had been asked to resign from a syndicate of banks organizing a $33 million loan for Algeria because of its Jewish connections.

"We were invited to join and then we were disinvited," he said, adding, "but we reacted more in sorrow than in anger."

The syndicate of banks placing the loan was headed by Banque Gutzwiller, Kurtz, Bungener of Geneva and included two Arab banks, the Saudi Finance Company and Arab Bank Overseas.

The incident was regarded as particularly unfortunate because the Swiss banking industry said it had been especially firm in resisting the temptation to discriminate against Jewish banks in order to secure Arab business.

It also came at a time when in London, Paris, and Frankfurt, Jewish bankers were starting to reach tolerable working relationships with Arab financial institutions.

As a senior executive with one big European Jewish bank put it: "We still don't expect to be asked to help with an Arab government loan. We do complain privately if Arab banks try to push us out of other syndicates and usually we reach a settlement."

Accusations of active Arab discrimination against Jewish banks first surfaced in Europe early in 1975 in the immediate aftermath of the four-fold oil price rise that vastly increased the cash holdings of the Arab oil producers and turned them overnight into large lenders on the international capital market.

In Paris at that time, Lazard Freres said that it had been excluded from a syndicate underwriting one large international loan at the insistence of Arab investors. Andre Mayer, the head of Lazard, wrote a letter of complaint to the French finance minister.

Shortly afterwards, London investment banks, including S.G. Warburg and N.M. Rothschild, also found themselves excluded from syndicates they would usually belong to as a result of Arab pressure.

Jewish war veterans to meet in Jerusalem

TORONTO —

The 1979 World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans will be held in Jerusalem from Feb. 11 to 15, 1979.

The Assembly will have two main objectives; the first being the joint meeting of Jewish ex-servicemen and women from all over the world with their Israeli counterparts—veterans of the two World Wars and of the Israeli Defense Forces. The second purpose will be to partake in the activities of the 30th anniversary of the state of Israel as a means of a world-wide effort to win friends to the Israeli cause.

The Assembly will deal with a number of important subjects to Jews and the Jewish state; the reciprocal relationship between the Diaspora and Israel, Israel and world opinion, as well as such critical problems of Israel today as politics, defense, and society. The participants will be able to attend a wide range of meetings, social activities, visits to border settlements and IDF installations. Meetings with Israel's top leaders are also scheduled.

Cairo Jewish cemetery is 'almost destroyed'

PARIS [JCNS] —

News from Egypt received here indicates that the Jewish cemetery at Bassatine, near Cairo, which has been desecrated many times since 1956, is now almost completely destroyed.

The last remaining tombstones have been removed to allow for the building of red brick houses on the site.

When desecration was reported four years ago, and again two years ago, and later when the first batch of houses were erected on the land, President Sadat, following a plea from the small Cairo Jewish community, let it be known that he was opposed to such desecration, and ordered the building to cease, but desecration and building continued on a larger scale and today, apart from the private mausoleum of the Mosseri family who pay for it to be guarded, and the tomb of the late Chief Rabbi Haim Nahum Effendi, which is surrounded by a wall, almost all the rest of the tombs have disappeared.

Hostage held

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —

Three armed demonstrators took over the German Cultural Centre in Tel Aviv for two hours recently in protest at the proposed Limitations Statute on Nazi war crimes, and dissemination of German culture in Israel.

The demonstrators held hostage a middle-aged teacher, herself a Holocaust survivor, after allowing 20 pupils in the German language class to leave. After two hours of negotiating with the police, the demonstrators, who were armed with small pistols, surrendered their weapons and were taken into custody.

They were led by Andre Kilchenski, an immigrant from Poland, who had repeatedly demonstrated against Israel's links with Germany.

Tanenbaum donates art

OTTAWA —

In a significant step to repay Canada for all the opportunities it has given him, Max Tanenbaum has donated a $1.5 million art collection to the National Gallery.

The Toronto businessman gave the gallery 35 Indian and Nepali sculptures from the American collection of Nasli Heeramaneck. Ruddhist, Hindu and Jain works are in the collection ranging from the second century to the 18th century.

Upon donating the works of art, Tanenbaum said, "this country gave my father, myself and my children opportunities far beyond what we could ever have expected when he landed as an immigrant here at the beginning of this century. It is only right that we should pay back to Canada something of what it has so richly given to me and my family.

"To be able to buy and donate this collection to the National Gallery is an opportunity I could not ignore. I am proud to be associated with it, and know that my son's collection of 19th-century French paintings will be following it into the National Gallery in due time."

Tanenbaum's son Joseph is credited with asking his father to buy the collection. The younger Tanenbaum told his father that he could make a significant contribution to Canada's art collection without having to do the collecting.

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Doll manufacturing business fascinates Ben Samuels

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

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Ben Samuels, president of Regal Toy, is fascinated by toy industry. His firm makes dolls, plush and games.

TORONTO — Like the fairy tale castle made out of sugar and spice, Ben Samuels' toy factory is a child's delight, something approximating an earthly paradise.

"They run wild when they're here," Samuels, president of Regal Toy, says of the occasional children who troop through the company's showroom. "But I love the things myself."

Regal's showroom is "home" to hundreds of dolls, plush animals and plastic toys and games manufactured in the huge factory a few door's away. All are displayed on carpeted cases, looking resplendent in their pristine innocence.

"You've got to be crazy to be in this business," says Samuels, who might be mistaken for Santa Claus. "You work hard, but you make children happy. I stay in the business because, frankly, I'm excited about it. It's fascinating. The challenge of creation keeps me in the business."

With annual sales running in the $7 million range, Regal Toy is Canada's largest manufacturer of dolls. Its dolls — Drink & Wet Babies, Chubby Baby, Toddlers, Wendy Walkers — are sold throughout the country and abroad. And its plush animals — Walt Disney characters like Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck — enchant and amaze children from Vancouver to Halifax. Regal's plastic products — bowling sets, rolling ducks and locomotives — are just as popular with the younger set.

Regal's most expensive item, the child-size Mickey Mouse, costs about $75, and Samuels says some 100 are sold every year. The cheapest product in the catalogue sells for 15 cents and it's an air-filled plastic ball.

The walking dolls, ranging in size from a few inches to 36 inches, are the bestsellers. "They're beautiful and a little girl's friend," says Samuels. Luv and Kisses topped the list in dolls last year. The $10 doll was sold to 40,000 customers. "It's cuddly and foolproof."

Samuels says Willi Walker, the pet dog poodle, is Regal's hottest plush animal. "He walks with a leash." Samuels makes a barking sound. "Here's a dog that barks but doesn't make a mess. And he obeys any language, even Yiddish." Thirty thousand were sold in 1978 for between $16 and $20.

One hundred thousand bowling sets were sold last year, making them Regal's most popular plastic toy.

Samuels, 64, has been around the toy business since he was a youngster working for his two brothers after school. He was born in Toronto, the son of Russian farmers who later moved to Pontypool, a settlement 50 miles from the city.

"The farm wasn't lucrative and my two brothers went to Toronto to try their luck," he explains. "They got into the doll business." The firm was called Reliable Toy. Regal Toy was founded in 1959. General Mills, the U.S. conglomerate, bought it two years ago in May. Samuels was retained as chief operating officer.

The industry, he says, has change remarkably in the last 40 years, and the biggest change has been the shift from wood to plastic in the manufacture of dolls. Packaging is more artful than ever, and technology has all but mechanized the industry.

Regal's factory features the latest in assembly-line equipment. It employs 150 workers, including six stylists whose function it is to keep the dolls fashionable.

In Samuels' view, Canada ranks number one in the manufacture of safe dolls. "Our industry policed itself to the point where we have everything nailed down in law. We're probably the first country to put this safety code into practice."

Dolls' hair is made of nylon which is fire resistant, and eyes are locked in. There are no sharp edges, pins or fasteners. The pigment in the doll is non-toxic and the clothes she wears are flame resistant.

New products are created by demand and by in-house staff. "But once in a while an inventor walks in and we accept his idea," Samuels says. "This happened with Willi Walker. It was a good but crude idea. We refined it and promoted it, and the inventor got the usual royalties."

Samuels says children today have many more toys than their predecessors. "We're more affluent and more products are available. When I was growing up, I'd play with an old shoebox, and my father taught me to carve a whistle out of wood. Things aren't what they used to be."

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